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)il companies and the Government 'knew f sanctions-breaking'

Bingham report published rday said that Shell and BP that their South African sub- ies were making arrangements ensured oil supplies to esia, but information was nplete and the main blame lay oil company executives. The Government was told in 1968-69 what was going on but recognized that it was impossible to stop sanction-breaking without blockading South Africa. The Cabinet has now accepted the need for a fuller public inquiry (our Political Editor writes).

Main blame falls on executives

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the Government came to that without the co- ion of South Africa and al, and in the absence restricted crude supply Compagnie Francaise de e, the Total group, the supply to Rhodesia could not be stopped altogether.

"The attention of Her Majesty's Government was then concentrated on achieving a position in which it could truly be said that no British oil was reaching Rhodesia."

In about February, 1968, Shell South Africa made an arrangement with Total South Africa, the report goes on, that orders for products to be delivered at Lourenço Marques, placed on Shell South Africa by customers suspected of selling on to Rhodesia, should be fulfilled with products supplied by Total South Africa, in exchange for an equivalent quantity of products supplied to it by Shell and BP companies in South Africa.

Mr George Thomson, now Lord Thomson of Monifieth, the Commonwealth Secretary, was told of the exchange arrangement in 1968, but possibly not, according to the report, in full detail until the next year.

The Government, it adds, considered that that was the best arrangement that could be made in the circumstances but realized that it would not of itself prevent or reduce the quantity of oil reaching Rhodesia.

The arrangement with Total ended about 1971, when orders for Rhodesia placed by the South African intermediary, Freight Services, were met from products supplied by the Shell and BP companies in South Africa and delivered by Shell Moçambique at Lourenço Marques.

The quantities of oil delivered in Lourenço Marques, either by Total South Africa or after that by Shell Moçambique, were probably not less than 1,830,000 tons during the years 1968-75, the report says.

Discussing the methods by which Rhodesia has continued to receive oil from South Africa, it adds: "It seems probable that neither the Shell nor the BP marketing companies in South Africa are now selling to Freight Services or to any intermediary who is known to be selling on to Rhodesia".

In a series of "observations" on their extensive analysis of oil supplies, the authors of the report discuss the conduct of certain individuals by name.

They say that it was "unfortunate" that Mr L. C. V. Walker, general manager of the Consolidated (Shell EP) companies in South Africa with responsibility for Mozambique, "have failed between the end of 1966 and February, 1968, to lay the facts known to and suspected by him before his superiors in London and that he should have given categorical assurances which those facts did not arrant.

"The Shell and BP groups in London and HMG ere as a result led to misunderstand the means by which Rhodesia obtained its oil supplies. Because of this misunderstanding both the groups and HMG unwittingly adopted false positions at that time."

"The easiest course for Mr Walker personally would have been to disclose his knowledge and suspicions to Shell Centre and let others bear the burden of deciding what to do. It has not become clear to us why he did not do so."

The report adds that in making the criticism, "we are also acutely aware of the difficulty of Mr Walker's position as a South African living in a society very unsympathetic to the policy of the sanctions orders".

The Government and the oil companies saw the Total exchange rather differently, the report adds. "To HMG the arrangement was acceptable because it took British oil companies out of the line of supply to Rhodesia and enabled it to be said that British oil was not reaching Rhodesia, whereas to company representatives, the exchange "might have appeared to be merely an alternative means of making a supply".

The oil companies are criticized on various points, which the report says relate in the main to failures to disclose either within the groups or by the group to the Government.

"In the event both HMG and the top management of the groups, save for limited periods (the early months of 1966, the period of two to three years after February, 1968, and perhaps the period after March, 1976), were ignorant of facts which should have been the subject certainly of consideration and possible of action.

"This ignorance led HMG and top management of the groups unwittingly to make statements and give assurances which they would not have done with full knowledge of the facts."

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Keepers rounding up cattle from common land at Epping Forest yesterday for marking at the end of summer.

Pay dispute threatens admissions to hospitals

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

Hospitals throughout Britain are drawing up plans to admit "emergency only" patients because of action by 3,500 maintenance supervisors over a pay grievance.

First reports suggest that many hospitals have already decided to restrict admissions in expectation that a critical situation will build up quickly in the next few weeks. The immediate hope for peace rests on a meeting today between Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, and five unions that are supporting the action.

The unions are in an angry mood after a meeting on Friday with Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State. The unions said yesterday that he was "belligerent, unhelpful and hostile", and Mr Alan Black, secretary of the union team, said: "He would have served the National Health Service better if he had not bothered to meet us. He could not have been more unhelpful if he had tried."

The action poses an immediate threat to laundry supplies, which judging by precedent, is one area of the NHS most vulnerable to protest action. Health authorities in recent years have increasingly concentrated their laundry arrangements, and one laundry can cover many hospitals. But to ensure that emergency cases are still handled, the unions have issued instructions that at least a tenth of normal laundry services must be maintained.

The action involves a ban on overtime and on call and standby duties; a ban on maintenance of clinics, health centres and ambulance stations. It also means a ban on maintenance of central sterile supply departments.

The unions gave a warning yesterday that non-emergency operations would increasingly have to be postponed. Some local union action committees are already deciding, based on medical opinion, which patients should be admitted as emergencies.

The dispute centres on a bonus award worth around £24 a week to some craftsmen, which means that 600 to 700 lower grade staff may earn less than the people they supervise.

Saudi Arabia and Jordan reject the Camp David agreements

Riyadh, Sept 19.—Saudi Arabia tonight rejected the Camp David agreement as "an unacceptable formula for a definitive peace". The decision came after a Cabinet meeting chaired by King Khalid.

The official Saudi press agency, quoting a Government statement, said the formula "did not make absolutely clear Israel's intention to withdraw from all Arab territories it occupies, including Jerusalem".

The statement said that the Camp David accords had also failed to record the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and to set up their own state "in their homeland and on their own soil". It added that the settlement had ignored the role of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Arab summit conferences recognized as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

However, the statement hinted that Saudi Arabia would not oppose Egypt's efforts to regain its occupied territory.

"In spite of its reservations, "it declared", the Saudi Government does not consider that it has a right to interfere in the internal affairs of any Arab country or to oppose such a country's right to regain its lost territories by way or armed struggle or through peaceful efforts, as long as these do not contradict the higher Arab interest."—Reuter.

Saudi Arabia, which praised President Carter for his peace efforts in the Middle East, said its decision was based on deep commitment to Islamic and Arab principles and to the decisions of Arab summit conferences.

It described the present stage as critical for the Arab world and called for a collective Arab stand which would lead to victory.

Amman, Sept 19.—Jordan, maintaining it was not bound morally or legally by the Camp David agreements, said tonight that the signing of a separate peace treaty by Egypt would constitute a weakening of the Arab position and diminish chances of reaching a just and comprehensive solution of the Palestinian problem.

The statement, made after a Cabinet meeting chaired by King Hussein, said any settlement acceptable to Jordan must include Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories, and in particular the return of Arab sovereignty over Arab Jerusalem.—Reuter.

Robert Fisk writes from Beirut: The PLO will attack "American interests" in the Middle East because of the Camp David accord, Mr Yassir Arafat announced at a guerrilla training camp in Lebanon today.

The PLO's leader has made this threat before—Mr Arafat used almost exactly the same words nine months ago—but now that PLO participation in the peace negotiations has been cast aside, the United States will have to take his words very seriously.

"Let Carter realize", Mr Arafat said, "that he will pay dearly for his signature. He will pay in American interests. Our guerrillas will hit back. They will rain blows on American interests."

The PLO leader's statement was published by the Palestinian news agency Wafa, which did not identify the exact location of the guerrilla camp in Lebanon. Nor did it suggest that Mr Arafat was specific about the kind of American targets that might be attacked.

American embassies in the Middle East are usually kept under close guard by armed Marines, although during the Lebanese civil war the Ambassador in Beirut was murdered while crossing the front line for talks with the Lebanese President.

It was never discovered whether his killers were Lebanese or Palestinians, although Mr Arafat said at the time that his own guerrillas had "arrested" four men responsible for the assassination. The four were not heard of again.

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Pearson bid to buy out offshoot fails

By Richard Allen
Financial Staff

S. Pearson & Son's attempt to buy out the quoted minority in its Pearson Longman publishing subsidiary has failed. In a shareholders' vote taken in London yesterday, the parent company failed by a fairly wide margin to achieve the majority support required to enable the £40m scheme to go ahead.

Almost a third of votes cast by holders of the 36.4 per cent minority in Pearson Longman were opposed to the takeover plan. For its offer to succeed, Pearson required the support of more than three-quarters of votes cast.

After the vote, shares in Pearson Longman, whose publishing interests take in the *Financial Times* and Penguin Books, fell 17p to 223p. S. Pearson's shares closed unchanged at 238p.

Controversy has surrounded the merger plan since S. Pearson made its share and cash offer to minority shareholders in July. Despite protests from certain institutional holders that the terms of the offer—one Pearson share and 30p cash for each Longman share—were too low, the Pearson board had steadfastly refused to raise the value.

In an extremely high poll—votes were cast in respect of almost 80 per cent of the minority—actual voting figures were 8.06m shares in favour of the proposal and 3.87m against.

Speaking before the vote, Lord Gibson, chairman of Pearson, reiterated the board's statement that whatever the outcome his group was not prepared to return with a higher offer.

After the vote he said he was disappointed but "there is nothing disastrous about it". Adding that shareholders were no worse off than before, he said: "We have run two very successful companies in the past and we shall continue to do so".

The result, however, was described as a "splendid victory for shareholder democracy" by Mr Peter Wakefield of the Clerical Medical & General Life Assurance Society, one of the four leading institutions which publicly opposed the deal.

He said other institutions had clearly decided that the offer was not good enough

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Mr Vance to meet Syrian leader

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Sept 19

President Assad of Syria has agreed to a request from Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, that they should meet during Mr Vance's visit to the Middle East. Mr Vance is leaving this evening for Amman to see King Husain and will go thence to Saudi Arabia to see King Khaled and his ministers.

He will stop in Damascus on the way home on Saturday. It is to be a short trip, designed to explain the agreements reached at the Camp David summit and to win Jordanian and Saudi Arabian support. These two countries have an essential role to play in the negotiations envisaged on the future of the West Bank and Gaza.

Jordan will be directly involved, and if Saudi Arabia supports the attempt the Arab "Rejectionist Front" would find it very difficult to interfere.

President Sadat said here this morning that he thought Mr Vance's visit to Damascus a very good idea. He will be returning home tomorrow by way of Morocco, where he will seek King Hassan's support, and will contact King Husain as soon as he reaches Cairo.

The effects of the agreements on President Carter's popularity at home are immediately obvious. Political leaders have nothing but praise for him, Democrats and Republicans alike.

Senator Henry Jackson, for instance, one of the Senate's leading Democratic hawks and a strong critic of many of the President's policies, said that he was delighted with the agreements and was sure that they would greatly strengthen Mr Carter's position in Congress.

The warmth with which the President was received at the joint session last night was very striking. He has not been cheered so loudly and so long since he came to Washington, and whistles of applause echoed across the august chamber of the House of Representatives.

American Jews, traditionally Democratic, are now rallying to Mr Carter's support. They can forgive him the defeat he inflicted on them last spring by forcing through Congress the sale of F15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia.

They can also close ranks behind Israel again. The split in their ranks caused by Mr Menachem Begin's intransigence can now be healed, with his critics admitting that perhaps the Israeli Prime Minister was not really so inflexible as he said he was.

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Mr Callaghan accepts need for a fuller public inquiry

d Emery

Prime Minister and Cabinet members are d reluctantly to have d the need for a further, public inquiry into the g of Rhodesia oil sanc-

full Cabinet will meet ow to consider whether a le tribunal can be aver- ith some other form of , but senior ministers see option. A final Cabinet n may, however, require r consideration beyond ow's meeting.

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ffects four Administra- as the Bingham report clear. That runs from Sir to Mr Edward Heath o Sir Harold and, mar- ginally, into Mr James Callaghan's time. Last night the Government preferred to allow the Bingham report to speak for itself and ministers were reportedly instructed to stay away from the television studios.

Mr Heath last night made known that he does not intend making any statement on the Bingham report, even when he returns from his holiday in Portugal. Sir Harold is in the United States on a lecture tour.

Both former Prime Ministers would presumably answer the call of any new public inquiry, but they were not requested to give evidence to Mr Bingham.

Somewhat surprisingly to some, the Conservative Front Bench has indirectly added its voice to the Liberals' demands for a full public inquiry on sanction-breaking. Mr John Davies, shadow Foreign Secretary, said last night: "Such an important matter cannot be swept under the carpet."

In sharper words than those in the Bingham report Mr Davies declared that "much has deliberately been concealed from public knowledge hitherto, including the extent of the awareness of the Prime Minister and relevant ministers in the Labour Administration concerned".

It is maintained that the dilemma for the Government if it decided on a full-scale tribunal is that such a course would, on past experience, invalidate criminal prosecutions.

But last night Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, suggested that prosecutions were of secondary importance. He said "political explanation" was required for misleading the House of Commons and the British public.

However, it is learnt that last year Mr Callaghan in a letter promised President Kaunda of Zambia, that "I shall bring the culprits to book."

Another political consideration which is said not to be in the Government's mind is that it will hardly be comfortable for present ministers to have two tribunals running at once. The tribunal inquiring into the Crown Agents affair began this week.

Three killed by poisonous gas after tannery mishap

Genoa, Sept 19.—A cloud of poisonous gas from a tanning plant billowed over this port city today, killing three men. At least 40 people were taken to hospital. Four workers are in a critical condition and another 15 who were detained are recovering, officials said.

Many complained of nausea and headaches. At one hospital doctors and nurses felt unwell from the fumes coming from the clothing and hair of workers at the Bocciardo plant where the incident occurred, officials said.

The fumes started to spread when, by mistake, 25 tons of chrome sulphate were pumped from a road tanker into a basin containing sodium hydrosulphit, both of which are used separately in tanning leather.

Their contact caused a chemical reaction producing sulphuric acid. Police arrested Luciano Curti, aged 30, a lorry driver and charged him with multiple manslaughter. A worker in charge for unloading operations was held for questioning.

The three dead were workers who had been close to the basin. There were about 100 workers in the plant when the incident occurred. "My colleagues dropped like flies", Signor Gaetano Scianino, a hide cutter at the plant, said. "One called for help for a worker who had just fainted near him, the immediately he fell too."

Authorities said the situation appeared to be rapidly improving in the evening. Traffic was resumed and people who had fled their homes returned.

It was the third major chemical incident in Italy in less than three years. The others were at Sevesso, near Milan, in June, 1976, and Manfredonia, on the Adriatic, in October, 1976.

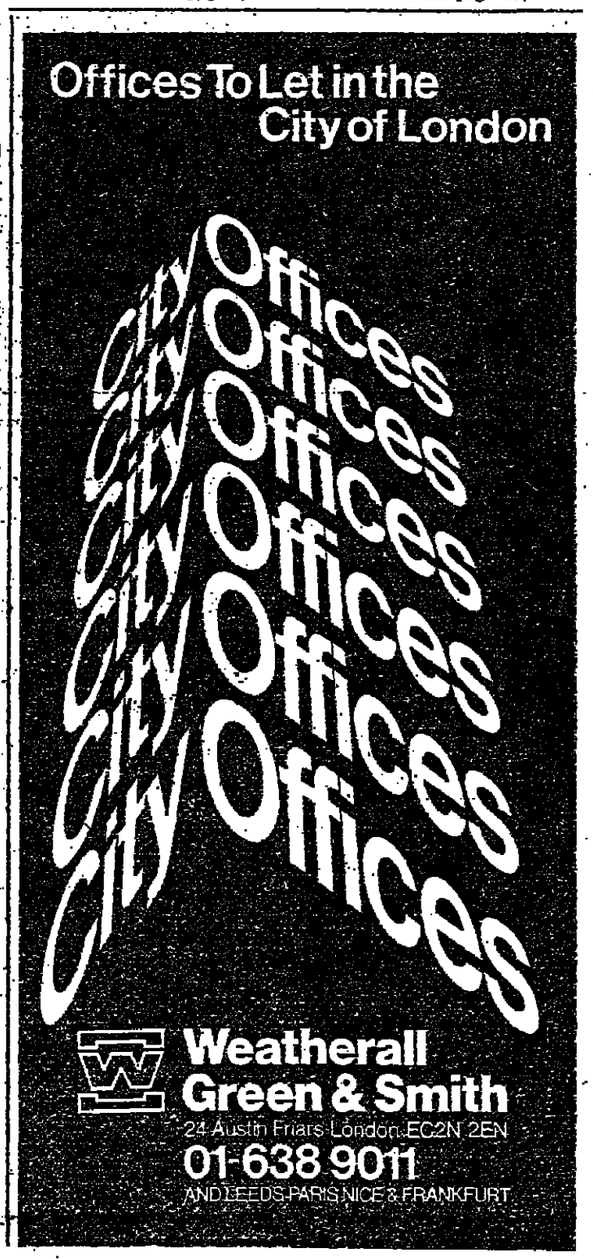
Solicitor seeks a further delay in Thorpe case

A further delay is expected in committal proceedings for Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader and MP for Devon, North, and three other men charged with conspiracy to murder Mr Norman Scott.

The four appeared at Minehead Magistrates' Court in August, when a date was fixed this month for their next appearance. The date was later changed to October 9.

Sir David Napley, Mr Thorpe's solicitor, is considering asking for the committal to be put back again to a date in November. It is understood that only two thirds of the papers required by Mr Thorpe's legal advisers have been served.

Mr Thorpe is charged with Mr David Holmes, a friend and former Liberal Party official, and Mr John Le Mesurier and Mr George Deakin.



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Britons want a government declara- f intent to leave Ulster, a Gallup hows. Fifty-five per cent favoured an immediate troop withdrawal or ed pull-out over a maximum of five Of those, 55 per cent gave as their reason the number of troops killed nded Page 2

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countant had circulated internally mning indictment" of what went in the Crown Agents' finance ment. Mr Robert Gatehouse, QC, he tribunal investigating losses of than £200m by the agents. His was ne protesting voice before final r Page 3

Vorster decision

A fit-looking Mr Vorster attended a Cabinet meeting in Pretoria yesterday amid growing Nationalist Party demands that he should stay on as Prime Minister. The main reason for the Nationalists' plea to Mr Vorster is the impending independence of Namibia and the related troubles that lie ahead. He is to make an announcement today Page 7

Progress at Bathgate

Shop stewards leading the unofficial strike by 1,500 machinists, which has closed Leyland's Bathgate truck and tractor plant for more than six weeks, have decided to recommend a return to work at a meeting of the strikers on Friday Page 17

Typhoid case at pit

The coal board is taking stringent precautions after confirmation that an underground electrician at Grimethorpe colliery, South Yorkshire, contracted typhoid in Spain last month Page 2

9 die in rescue plane

Nine people died when an aircraft crashed in Teheran on its way with supplies to the eastern Iranian town of Tabas, which was devastated by an earthquake on Saturday. The death toll has reached 16,000 and rescue officials said it would probably exceed 20,000 Page 7

Call by journalists

A motion from the Fleet Street division of the Institute of Journalists to be considered at the institute's annual conference at Oxford, says: "The conference is appalled at any prospect of Britain without *The Times* . . . and calls for an urgent public inquiry" Page 2

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HOME NEWS

British poll shows majority want government declaration of intent on Ulster withdrawal

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Most Britons would like the Government to declare its intention of withdrawing troops from Northern Ireland, according to an opinion poll conducted in England, Scotland and Wales earlier this month by the Gallup Organization.

Although every opinion survey conducted in Britain since June, 1974, has shown a majority in favour of withdrawal, a principal demand of the Provisional IRA, the latest poll has gained significance because of the growing number of public figures and organizations now advocating that policy as a solution to the apparently intractable Ulster question.

The latest demand came at the weekend from Mr John Pardoe, deputy leader of the Liberal Party. He said that a third of his parliamentary colleagues and a third of active Liberal Party members supported the idea. Earlier the policy had received editorial support from the *Daily Mirror*.

Based on a sample of 1,050 interviewees, the new poll was commissioned by RTE, the Irish state broadcasting company. A limited section of the results were used on its new current affairs programme this week.

RTE said 55 per cent of those questioned favoured either an immediate troop withdrawal or a phased withdrawal over a maximum period of five years. Only 28 per cent said troops should remain in Northern Ireland until an agreed settlement was reached, a view that is closest to the present agreed policy of the three main British political parties.

Of those favouring withdrawal, 55 per cent gave as their main reason the number of soldiers killed or wounded. Another 29 per cent said that the troops were serving no useful purpose and 21 per cent said too much taxpayers' money was being spent in Northern Ireland.

In another section, 56 per cent said that the Government should declare its intention of withdrawing entirely from Northern Ireland and only 33 per cent argued that it should declare an intention not to pull out. A 48 per cent sample thought that withdrawal without the consent of the two communities would cause an increase in violence, 6 per cent a decrease and 31 per cent that it would mean little change.

Political observers said yesterday that the most surprising result was that showing the extent of concern about the Northern Ireland issue felt by British voters. Asked to classify, on a scale of importance three of the main difficulties facing Britain, 54 per cent rated Northern Ireland as very important, as against 46 per cent for race relations and only 6 per cent for Scottish devolution.

Among other points, the poll showed that 49 per cent were against continuing economic subsidies to Northern Ireland after British withdrawal. Only 19 per cent felt that the Dublin Government was doing its best to defeat the Provisional IRA.

Supporters of withdrawal were criticized by Mr John Biggs-Davison, a Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland, yesterday. In a BBC interview, he said it might lead to a civil war in which the Roman Catholic minority would suffer terribly and which would not be contained in Northern Ireland.

He continued: "When people like Mr Pardoe and newspapers like the *Daily Mirror* suggest that the troops should be taken out, that Britain should kick the Ulster people out of the United Kingdom, that is a gift to the IRA. Movements like that, minority terrorist movements, live on hope and if they think that the British can be either blasted or bored into submitting to their demands, then they are encouraged to carry on."

IRA targets: The Belfast unit of the Provisional IRA said yesterday that all unmarked cars leaving army premises in Ulster would be considered legitimate targets (the Press Association reports).

The announcement prompted fears that wives taking children to school from army bases would be at risk.

The IRA gave the reason for its change of policy as "the increase of plain-clothes surveillance and the constant use of unmarked cars" by the Army. Undercover police officers and troops in unmarked cars have often fallen victim to the Provisional IRA.

The Army said later: "All sorts of people enter military bases, such as community leaders, cleaners, members of the public and even dependants of those in military custody."

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Tests on new tanker for volatile liquids

From Michael Baily
Hemel Hempstead

A big advance in the safe carriage of petrol, chemicals and other hazardous liquids is expected from a new type of road tanker developed in Britain and undergoing trials.

Instead of the conventional tanker, which has a single skin of steel aluminium or glass-fibre, it carries its cargo in a number of glass-fibre containers suspended in tough plastic foam up to a foot thick. A second glass-fibre skin encloses the whole. The load is thus enclosed in a double-skinned layer of insulating material capable of withstanding both heat and shock that greatly reduces the risk of fire or spillage in case of accident.

Shell, which is testing the prototype, said at a demonstration at Hemel Hempstead yesterday that it broke new boundaries in the carriage of dangerous goods by road. The development is being monitored by the Health and Safety Executive, which has been instructed by the Government to expedite new safety rules after the tanker disaster in Spain in the summer.

The project has also aroused keen interest abroad. Talks are taking place for manufacture under licence in the United States, Europe and Australia.

The prototype vehicle is 34ft long and carries 6,600 gallons of petrol, compared with 6,300 in a slightly larger conventional tanker. At £40,000, the new tanker costs slightly more. It has been developed by two small industrial companies: Interdom Holdings, of Scunthorpe, a private firm engaged in shipping, transport and manufacture; and J. and J. Dyson, of Sheffield, best known for the manufacture of refractories.

The new design was devised by one of Interdom's technical experts, a burly northerner who demonstrated its characteristics yesterday with the aid of a sledgehammer and a flame-thrower, and has been backed by the two companies with £250,000 so far.

A production line is being laid down at Scunthorpe, at a further cost of £300,000, to produce about 150 vehicles a year, but with a tanker market of 1,000 a year in Britain, sales are confidently expected to exceed that within five years.

Mr Tony Hutchinson, Shell's chief engineer for road transport, said: "This vehicle really does break through a number of design barriers. It is good to know that if all goes well Britain will have pioneered a revolutionary development ahead of the United States and various other countries now taking a close interest in this field."



Tea for two: Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, and Mrs Christine Greensmith, whose with her husband, George, are the two-thousandth Greater London Council tenants to buy a council home. Mrs Thatcher had just handed over the deeds of the house in Balham to the couple when she was distracted by laughter from the crowd. Turning, she saw a two-year-old boy urinating against a wall. His mother was cross but Mrs Thatcher joined in the laughter. "It's only natural", she said.

Fur fashion jobs for redundant steel men

From Our Correspondent
Merthyr Tydfil

Steelmen who laboured in the heat and noise of Welsh blast furnaces are handling with delicacy and skill costly and fashionable furs.

The men, who were made redundant by the closure of the Ebbw Vale steel works at Gwent, have been retrained and are working as fur craftsmen at Europa Fur, Britain's first purpose-built fur fashion factory in the Tredegar Valley, five miles from Ebbw Vale.

The company, a subsidiary of L. Levine Ltd. of London, came to Wales under an EEC job development scheme. So far 50 redundant steelmen are working on the expensive furs with 20 others taking part in a 12 months training scheme.

The men handle such exotic skins as musquash, mink, marmot, beaver and Persian lamb.

Europa Fur hopes to see Wales compete with Greece and Czechoslovakia in the world of fur fashion. The company feels that the skills taught at its £45,000 factory will be passed from father to son so that communities of fur craftsmen will spring up in the Welsh valleys as did the mining and steelmaking communities of past decades.

Mr Walter Harvey, the factory's controller, said: "At first there was some scepticism about steelmen doing this sort of work. But when it was realized that these jobs were jobs for life future a lot of people began applying for work. Now people are trying desperately hard to get in.

"When we opened a year ago we did not bring any key workers with us. We could not tempt them away from London because they did not want to come to Wales to work on the top of a mountain. Now they have changed their minds and quite a number have applied for jobs.

"The furs that the former steelmen handle are expensive. At any one time in our factory we have £500,000 worth of furs. Some of the furs that have left this factory cost between £9,000 and £14,000 each.

"The fur craftsman works in a chamber with a staff of between 10 and 12. If he has a large order he has to contract the work to other chambers."

Secrets case charge may be dropped

By Craig Seton

The office of the Director of Public Prosecutions refused to confirm or deny yesterday that it had decided to drop one of the three charges under the Official Secrets Act against Duncan Campbell, aged 25, one of the three defendants whose trial at the Central Criminal Court was abandoned on Monday because of disclosures about the jury on a television programme.

Mr John Leonard, QC, for the Crown, said in court on Monday that it was possible that after he had received instructions the prosecution would be able to present a "more economical case" when a new trial of the three defendants starts on Monday.

It was understood yesterday that solicitors advising Mr Campbell, a journalist with the *New Statesman*, had been told unofficially that a charge alleging that he collected information concerning defence communications, contrary to section 1 of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, would not be proceeded with on Monday.

The charge is considered to be the most serious of the three against Mr Campbell, who pleaded not guilty on all counts when the first trial started more than two weeks ago.

Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, the Attorney General, saw a recording yesterday of a programme shown on London Weekend Television on Saturday night in which a journalist disclosed that three jurors in the secrets trial had themselves signed the Official Secrets Act and that one of them was a former member of The Special Air Service Regiment (SAS).

When he was told about the programme, *Saturday Night People*, Mr Justice Willis, the judge in the secrets trial, discharged the jury and ordered a new trial, saying that it had been made clear that the information should not have been published and there was a possibility that the jury would have been prejudiced by it.

Describing what had happened on the programme as "gratuitous journalistic gossip", the judge referred the facts to Mr Silkin for him to decide what steps, if any, should be taken.

Mr Thorpe explains how £49,000 gift was spent

By Stewart Tendler

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, has told a party inquiry that £49,000 given by a wealthy supporter was used for a television link, central party funds and other matters during the 1974 general elections.

Receipts and accounts are available for the inquiry committee to examine if it wants. One senior party official was quoted yesterday as saying that Mr Thorpe's explanation was satisfactory.

Last week, Mr Jack Hayward, said he had given £49,000 in 1974 and 1975 after an appeal by Mr Thorpe. For the past three months, he said, he had been trying to find out what had happened to the money.

Mr Thorpe has explained to Mr Hayward and given each of the four members of a committee similar details.

Club owes £110,000: The National Liberal Club, which has no formal connexion with the Liberal party, owes more than £110,000, members were told last night, (the Press Association reports). At a private annual meeting of the club, it was disclosed that its debts to the end of last year had almost doubled.

Current assets were said to be £85,000, three quarters of which were owed in debts to the club.

Scotland Yard is investigating allegations of misuse of funds and homosexual incidents at the club.

The club accounts disclose that £35,330 was written off to Charlton Park Holdings, the company owned by Mr George de Chabris, a Canadian who ran the club from 1976 to 1977.

The accounts, prepared by the London accountants, Westcott Wilson, also show that accounting records for three weeks in the spring of 1977 were removed. That covers the period when a firm called in to manage the club was in charge.

Journalists seek public inquiry

From Arthur Osman
Oxford

A public inquiry, possibly of judicial status, into the "anarchic" state of the newspaper industry in London will be called for today by the Institute of Journalists at its annual conference at Oxford.

An emergency motion from the influential Fleet Street division of the institute said: "The conference is appalled at any prospect of Britain without *The Times*. It considers that this threat is the inevitable result of years of industrial anarchy, tacitly tolerated, with consequent anomalies in pay rates, and calls for an urgent public inquiry into the situation."

Members felt that the possible suspension of *The Times*, its supplements, and *The Sunday Times* on November 30 represented what had been threatening for years and that the decisive engagements for journalists was at hand. Too often in past years there had been the cry of "wolf", but this time it seemed certain there must be a decision one way or the other for the industry as a whole.

Some suggested that the institute, as the oldest professional association for journalists in the world, was less politically entrenched than the National Union of Journalists and could offer its assistance as a neutral body should either side call on it. It was felt that journalists working for Times Newspaper, who had shown considerable loyalty and restraint to the papers over several difficult years, should not be placed in such a position as now threatened.

The potential loss of livelihood seemed poor recompense for those years of support shown to the management, in direct contrast to the disruptive elements in other sections of the industry, who were the direct instigators of the present difficulties.

Typhoid case confirmed at Yorkshire colliery

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Typhoid has been confirmed at a Yorkshire pit, and the National Coal Board is taking stringent precautions against the disease spreading.

Mr Robert Rook, aged 25, an underground electrician at Grimethorpe colliery, is said to be "poorly" in a Barnsley hospital after contracting typhoid on holiday in Spain last month. His wife is also ill with symptoms of the disease.

Coal board officials have fumigated the bathing, canteen and lavatory facilities at the pit, and any miner or member of his family who has been in contact with Mr Rook has been asked to report to a special clinic for examination. About 2,200 men work at the mine, and the authorities are concerned that Mr Rook was back at work for three days before reporting sick.

He worked from September 6 to 8 before symptoms of the disease began to show, after a holiday in Salou, Spain. He had complained to workmates that lavatory and bathing facilities at the hotel were bad, and he was forced to bathe in the sea.

The coal board has set up an office at the pit to make contact with all the men who were at work with Mr Rook, so that they can be interviewed and, if necessary, given medical tests. Similar facilities are being provided for wives and children.

Suspects cleared: Two young boys suspected of having typhoid have been cleared after hospital tests. A boy aged 12 from Hamilton, and one aged eight from Uddingston, Strathclyde, were admitted to Monklands General Hospital, Airdrie, more than a week ago. The health board said all tests had proved negative.

WHO call to close all smallpox laboratories

Birmingham's smallpox laboratory should have been closed before last month's outbreak, Dr Halfdan Mahler, Director General of the World Health Organization, said yesterday.

The research centre attached to Birmingham University was one of eight in the world that the organization wants shut. Dr Mahler, a Dane, said it was disappointing that all such laboratories had not been closed last year.

Mrs Janet Parker, a laboratory photographer, from King's Norton, Birmingham, died after contracting the disease. Her mother is still in isolation.

The Birmingham laboratory was due to close at the end of the year, leaving one smallpox laboratory in Britain, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London.

Dr Mahler, who is attending the health organization's European regional committee meeting in London, said smallpox should be eradicated throughout the world next year.

Our Medical Correspondent writes: While research on smallpox itself was being phased out in Professor Henry Bedson's unit at Birmingham University, other studies on pox viruses were continuing. The unit had worked closely with the WHO on research into animal diseases closely related to smallpox and in particular monkey pox.

That work was of crucial importance in the WHO's strategy for the elimination of smallpox, since the animal diseases are still endemic in many parts of Africa.

Guards' strike likely to delay commuters

Southern Region said last night that an unofficial dispute involving some guards at six depots in the central division will cause widespread cancellations and delays for travellers in some areas of South London, Sussex and central Surrey today.

Strike action by some guards at Selhurst, Norwood, Streatham Hill, Epsom, London Bridge and Horsham over manning agreements started at midnight and will continue for 24 hours.

Morning and evening peak services using Victoria and London Bridge may be affected.

Lely portrait

A portrait by Sir Peter Lely of James II as Duke of York has had its export licence withheld. If a public art gallery in the United Kingdom offers £20,000 for the painting by December 14, the painting will stay in Britain.

Shell employees in South Africa 'were subject to conflicting national policies'

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent

Shell last night replied to criticisms made of the company and its employees by the Bingham report on the supply of oil to Rhodesia in defiance of sanctions.

Companies and individuals in South Africa, a statement said, found themselves subject to conflicting national policies. The report brought out that Shell had advised the British Government very soon after sanctions were imposed that it would be impossible to prevent oil from reaching Rhodesia without blockading South Africa.

Individuals in Shell's South African companies were operating under local laws which prohibited any attempt to control the destination of goods sold in the country.

There was an additional difficulty with the British registered Shell Moçambique, which was historically a part of the South African supply system. The Bingham inquiry established that Shell/BP in South Africa supplied Rhodesia through Shell Moçambique.

The statement said: "The report clearly confirms that Shell companies did not engage in a centrally controlled operation to break sanctions".

The company accepts, however, that "with the benefit of hindsight and the lessons learned in the course of the Bingham inquiry there were certain aspects which might have been handled differently".

But, Shell said, the Bingham report rejected some of the criticisms that have been made. The oil companies did not conspire to encourage UDI or assure the Rhodesian Government that oil would continue to flow, nor were they making preparations in Moçambique to break sanctions before they were introduced.

Shell welcomes the publication of the report and says the conclusions bring out the complexities that put the criticisms of individual Shell executives into perspective.

Of the present, Shell says: "We are certain as we can be that no UK Shell company is breaking UK sanctions law, and that no Shell subsidiary supplies oil to Rhodesia or has any arrangements which are calculated to promote the supply of oil to Rhodesia."

Both Shell and British Petroleum made submissions to the Bingham inquiry, which are discussed in the report.

British Petroleum is to make a statement on the inquiry's findings after a board meeting today. A statement yesterday confined itself to rejecting allegations in *The Sunday Times* that it was continuing to supply oil to Rhodesia through a swop arrangement.

Sir David Steel, chairman of BP, said the newspaper had implied that assurances given to the Government were false and that his word was not to be believed.

"I am now able to confirm that there is no justification for the accusations levelled against BP by *The Sunday Times*", he said. "What is said is inaccurate and misleading."

Sir David said BP Southern Africa had no special supply or swop arrangement that related to supplies by the South African state oil company, Sasol, to Rhodesia, as had been alleged.

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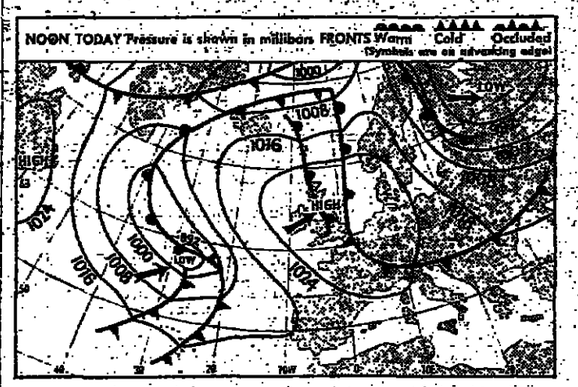
Matron accused of theft

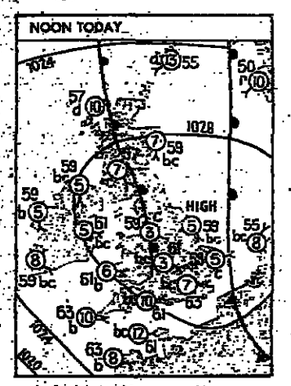
Mrs Margaret Seal, aged 33, the matron of three old people's homes, appeared before magistrates at Newport, Isle of Wight, yesterday, charged with entering the homes of two elderly people and stealing valuables.

Charged with her was Mrs Hilda Davies, aged 54. They were remanded on bail until December 1. The homes are at Ward Road, Totland, Isle of Wight.

Mrs Davies's husband, Arthur Davies, aged 44, appeared later charged with theft and forgery. He was remanded in custody until Friday.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.43 am. Sun sets: 7.15 pm
Moon sets: 10.56 am. Moon rises: 9.5 pm
Last quarter: September 24.
Lighting up: 7.35 pm to 6.14 am
High water: London Bridge, 4.50 am, 7.5m (24.4ft); 7.3 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Avonmouth, 10.24 am, 13.5m (44.2ft); 10.43 pm, 13.3m (43.7ft). Dover, 1.53 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 2.11 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Hull, 9.2 am, 7.7m (25.3ft); 9.30 pm, 7.3m (23.8ft). Liverpool, 4.2 am, 9.7m (31.7ft); 2.24 pm, 9.3m (30.5ft).

Pressure remains high over the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE and E England and East Anglia: Dry, sunny spells; wind N or variable; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Central S and SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Dull, with sunny periods, dry; wind variable, light; max temp 19°C (66°F).

N Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Dry, sunny periods; wind W, light; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Dry, sunny periods; wind W, light; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: Cloudy, with a little drizzle; wind SW, light; max temp 15°C (59°F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, bright intervals; wind W, moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mostly dry, sunny periods; overnight mist or fog more widespread in S; normal temp.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind N, moderate, occasionally fresh; sea moderate.

Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel: Wind variable, light; sea smooth.

Irish Sea: Wind variable; sea smooth, becoming slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 pm to 7 pm, 18°C (64°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 58 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 7.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,027.5 millibars rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	28	82	Chicago	s	24	75	Jersey	s	18	64	Munich	c	10	50
Amsterdam	r	15	59	Cologne	c	13	55	L Palmas	s	28	82	New York	s	24	75
Athens	s	25	77	Copenhagen	c	9	48	Lisbon	s	26	79	Nice	s	22	72
Barcelona	s	26	79	Dublin	r	16	61	Locarno	s	24	75	Oslo	s	15	59
Beirut	s	27	81	Edinburgh	c	14	57	London	s	17	63	Paris	s	19	66
Belfast	c	15	59	Florence	s	26	79	Luxembourg	c	16	61	Perth(Aus)	s	18	64
Berlin	r	12	54	Funchal	s	24	75	Madrid	s	29	84	Rome	s	25	77
Biarritz	s	21	70	Geneva	s	18	61	Majorca	s	28	82	Stockholm	c	10	50
Birmingham	c	15	59	Gibraltar	s	24	75	Malaga	s	28	82	Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Bristol	r	15	61	Guernsey	s	16	61	Malta	s	27	81	Venice	s	25	77
Brussels	s	16	61	Helsinki	s	9	48	Manchester	r	15	61	Vienna	r	18	64
Budapest	c	17	63	Innsbruck	s	15	59	Miami	s	31	88	Warsaw	c	11	52
Cardiff	r	16	61	Istanbul	s	20	68	Moscow	c	10	50	Zurich	s	17	63

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, September 19

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max °C	Max °F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	6.6	—	14	57	Sun pds
Skegness	6.2	—	13	57	Sun pds
Cromer	4.5	—	16	61	Sun intls
Clacton	7.1	—	18	64	Sun pds
Herne Bay	8.6	—	18	61	Sunny
S COAST					
Hastings	8.6	—	18	64	Sunny
Eastbourne	8.0	—	18	66	Sun pds
Folkstone	7.0	—	18	64	Sun pds
Bognor	6.5	—	18	64	Sunny
Southsea	9.2	—	18	64	Sunny
Sandown	10.1	—	18	64	Sunny
Bournemouth	10.2	—	18	64	Sunny
Exmouth	8.1	—	20	68	Sun pds
Torquay	9.9	—	19	66	Sunny
Falmouth	8.5	—	18	64	Sun pds
W COAST					
Morecambe	6.2	—	18	64	Sun pds
Blackpool	7.7	—	16	61	Sun pds
Barrow	8.8	—	16	61	Sunny
Newquay	11.2	—	18	64	Sunny

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Fr 28; Canada, Can 60; Denmark, Dkr 4.25; Finland, Fmk 3.00; France, Fr 3.00; Germany, Dmk 2.50; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 2.00; Hongkong, HK$ 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Luxembourg, Lf 28; Malaysia, Esc 2.50; Malta, 15c; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc 25; Spain, Ptas 60; Sweden, Skr 4.25; Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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Court ruling may influence short-term lettings

By John Young
Planning Reporter

The future readiness of landlords and developers to make property available for short-term residential use is likely to be strongly influenced by a decision of the Westminster county court next week.

The Peabody Trust is applying for a possession order on Carendish Flats, an unmodernized Victorian block in Gilbert Street, which forms part of a large renovation and redevelopment scheme, just off Oxford Street, which is already under way.

Under an agreement made some years ago, the trust is committed to surrender the block with vacant possession to the freeholder, Grosvenor Estate, on October 3. In return, the trust, which was established to provide accommodation mainly for poor families, has been granted extended leases on four other blocks.

At the request of the Department of the Environment at the time the arrangement was made, the trust consented to make the flats available on a temporary basis to young people, mostly students. It was allegedly made clear that such tenancies were not protected, and the occupants signed undertakings to leave when asked.

However, the 74 present tenants have recently maintained that they are being evicted, and have refused to leave. To general surprise, their request to be allowed to lease and manage the flats as a cooperative has been supported by Westminster City Council housing committee.

The committee's action appears to have caused alarm and dissent within the council. It evidently contradicted the views of housing officers, who considered that the flats should either be made available to the developer, MEPC Ltd, or else bought by the council for its own use.

The committee's decision was apparently made in the expectation of financial support for the cooperative from the Housing Corporation.

Mr Stanley Coggan, estates surveyor for Grosvenor Estate, maintained that the flats were in urgent need of complete modernization.

There were tremendous possibilities in short-life letting of buildings due for modernization. But if it became clear that owners could not gain possession, the supply of such lettings would dry up immediately.

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Lone protest' over Crown Agents

tribunal of inquiry in- ating the financial losses e Crown Agents between and 1974, estimated more £200m, was told in Lon- esterday that a "damn- ndictment" of the finance rtment's activities was cir- d internally before the crash.

Robert Gatehouse, QC, e tribunal, said a paper ed "What went wrong" circulated among senior rs by the office fund ac- ant, Mr P. W. Nowers, cember, 1973. Mr Nowers l to enlist enough support stify an approach to the an of the board, Sir e Hayes.

ut in the end he got no rt and it came to noth- It is a pretty damning ment about what had hap- and it is a pity that was little support given m and Mr Nowers was lone protesting voice", rtehouse said.

his paper Mr Nowers d to the risky invest- undertaken by the Crown s, the inexperience of f the officers concerned, heir disregard of sound g rules. He called for a ughgoing review of all the ial activities in order to ate the Crown Agents the situations that were cing losses and to ensure they no longer engaged tivities that were in any mproper for such an org- ion.

blamed the fact that the of activities had been d to expand beyond the that management could ively control, and the un- nted risks taken to achieve h level of profit.

Gatehouse said that a ial difficulty was that the Agents were a small

There were about 15 ate departments and the able result was that pro- nal opportunities were nely limited.

st of the staff had joined rganization from the age and had spent all their n the office. The only way tich promotion could be d was by transferring due, or worthy of, promo- from one department to er the next appointment be.

As a result there was a continuous movement around departments and people got their experience as they went along. There was little external training, and staff resisted and resented appointments from outside from the world of commerce or professional fields.

They were also on Civil Service salaries and it was almost impossible to persuade outside people in merchant banking to join.

Mr Gatehouse said that in his paper, Mr Nowers reported that, in at least one case, a large investment was made by the Crown Agents in the face of strong warning signs, and a large loss was sustained. Mr Gatehouse said that was a probable reference to Vehicle and General (the insurance company).

Mr Nowers also said that the Crown Agents were undoubtedly conned by some brokers who were glad to have a gullible client who would act as a dumping ground for parcels of difficult shares. "The proverbial road to disaster of borrowing short and lending long was assiduously followed", he concluded.

Earlier, Mr Gatehouse quoted from what he described as a *cri du coeur* from Mr Nowers to Sir Stephen Luke, a former chairman of the Crown Agents and then a non-executive member of the board. In his letter, dated August, 1971, Mr Nowers recalled that Sir Stephen had been to see him about the agents' 1970 accounts and had expressed concern at the way the office had become involved in many ventures and about the losses that had already been sustained.

Mr Nowers told him that there were many in the Crown Agents who shared his concern and it had occurred to him that Sir Stephen, "as an elder statesman", might be able to exert some influence towards a return to sanity.

But Mr Nowers said it seemed that the office had lost its sense of direction in "a spiritual sense". From money being needed as reserve against the hazards of the agents' traditional activities it was becoming geared to money-making as an end in itself.

While the department concerned with services to the agents' principals were being "screwed down" more firmly to their budgets, there appeared to be no control and a bottomless well of finance for the financial sector to call on.

The first essential, he added, was not to embark on any further adventures, except where traditional activities would be positively assisted and no element of risk would be involved.

To complete the rescue operation the agents should, as profitably as possible, ease themselves out of speculative equity investments and other activities that had cost them dear. They had been badly advised, and in some instances used quite unscrupulously by brokers, and they should no longer expose themselves to such hazards.

Mr Gatehouse said that the letter seemed to be addressed to the wrong man. Respected as Sir Stephen was, he was no longer the Crown Agent; he obviously had no powers and there was no action he could take.

Mr E. J. Sayers, continued, Mr aGtehouse was appointed financial controller by Sir Claude Hayes's predecessor. He should have been a key figure in the whole structure, but it soon became clear that he had no experience. The question of an outside appointment was not considered and there was no expertise or financial control within the department.

Mr Gatehouse then moved on to the next heading of the tribunal's inquiry: the provision of information about the agents' own account operations to the Ministry of Overseas Development and other public bodies.

He said that it was not until October, 1969, about two and a half years after it began, that the ministry learnt of the agents' money market activity.

In June, 1969, the agents took an equity investment in Sterling Industrial Securities. That was not even put to the agents' board before it was made and no mention was made to the ministry.

Another very important investment, in First National Finance Corporation, was not reported to the ministry, he said.

Mr Gatehouse said the use of principals' money for Finvest (Finance Department Investment Account) appeared to have arisen from the legal advice given in 1966 that no principal would have any interest in or rights against any profits or surplus of the Crown Agents whether in the Marine Insurance Fund or in any other reserve. The taking of principals' profits did not seem to strike anyone at that time as surprising.

Turning to the Gramco affair, Mr Gatehouse said that in 1969 a merchant bank, ED Sassoon, in which the Crown Agents were shareholders, brought out an issue of Gramco management shares. At that time the Crown Agents had three directors appointed to the Sassoon board: Mr Claude Hayes, as he was then, Mr Challis, the financial director, and Mr Barley, director of finance. In addition there was Sir Stephen Luke, who was no longer a Crown Agent representative.

"It appears that the managing director of Sassoon advised the directors that it was customary for directors of a merchant bank to show their confidence in a new issue of shares by taking a personal allotment", Mr Gatehouse said.

As a result, Sir Claude Hayes, Mr Challis and Sir Stephen Luke each agreed to an allotment of 250 shares and the Crown Agents took up 5,000 in their own name. Mr Barley had a self-imposed rule that he would not take up personal shares as a Crown Agent.

Not only was it customary for directors to accept small shareholdings, but it was also customary for them to hold the shares firmly and not sell them quickly for profit.

"Apparently what happened was that Mr Challis held his for a few months and then sold them and made a few hundred pounds profit. Sir Stephen held on too long and lost virtually all his investment," Mr Gatehouse said.

Finally, the Crown Agents' shares were sold in September, 1971, at 50 cents a share and they lost $47,500. Sir Claude would have lost but for the fact that he did not pay for his shares and they were held by Sassoon.

The tribunal adjourned until today.



Mr Delert Watts, a bus inspector, who was attacked aft asking yuths not to smoke on the lower deck.

Busmen recovering after attack by children

A London bus inspector and two of his colleagues were recovering yesterday after being attacked on Monday night by a gang of schoolchildren.

Mr Dibert Watts, the inspector, of Harcourt Road, Thornton Heath, was taken to hospital, where he had 20 stitches inserted in a head wound. The children were on their way home on a Brixton-bound bus.

The police said the fight broke out when Mr Watts asked seven youths not to smoke on the lower deck. One youth threw a brick at him and then attacked the conductor, Mr Dennis Alliste, aged 39, of Hermitage Road, Haringey, and another inspector, Mr Alan Wakeman, aged 44, of Stranger Road, South Norwood. All three men were released after hospital treatment.

Mr Donald Crispin, headmaster of Kingsdale School Dulwich, said: "So far only one pupil from this school is believed to have been involved. The other pupils have given me a few more names and I shall be making inquiries at other schools in the area and making contact with the police."

Union members at Brixton bus garage are to take up Mr Watts's case. Mr Robert Lawrence, the Transport and General Workers' Union representative at the garage, supported Mr Watt's call for more protection for transport employees. They wanted to see an example made of hooligans.

Council planning to end race relations grant

By Robert Parker

The Conservative-controlled council at Redbridge, east London, is planning to withdraw its grant to the local community relations council because it thinks the latter is "too left wing". The Conservatives plan to appoint their own community relations adviser.

The withdrawal of the grant of £4,500, a quarter of the CRC's annual income of £18,000, will make it difficult for the community council to operate properly, according to Dr Sukhdev Singh, the chairman.

He strongly denies the Conservative allegations, adding that the withdrawal of the grant will have a bad psychological effect on the borough's 12,000 immigrants, who are concentrated in the Ilford and Seven Kings area.

"All we have been doing is our job, and this appears to have made the Conservatives angry and uncomfortable. It is nonsense to say we are left wing", he said.

The matter will be raised at a meeting of the full borough council tonight through a motion put down by the 13 Labour members reaffirming support for the CRC.

Mr Keith Webb, leader of the 50 Conservatives, said he expected that the discussion would lead to a decision in November to withdraw the CRC's grant. In August, the Conservatives voted by 20 to 11 to withdraw the grant.

Mr Webb said trouble started in 1975, six years after the CRC was set up, when it refused to accept a nomination from two Conservative Associations in Ilford.

The nomination was of Mrs Christine Webster, whom Mr Webb described as a right-winger. The CRC argued that Mrs Webster's views on race were well known and that her intention was to undermine the CRC. The Conservatives said that it was undemocratic to refuse the nomination.

In July, 1976, an antiracialist march was organized through the borough, which the CRC supported. The Conservatives said the march was a vehicle for the left and that it hindered good race relations.

At the beginning of 1977 a body called the Redbridge Campaign Against Racialism and Facism was formed under the leadership of Mr Ian Martin, formerly the first community relations officer with the CRC.

Mr Webb says the campaign was full of Marxists, communists and Social Workers' Party members. "They were a motley bunch, whose activities in my opinion were causing racial disharmony. The CRC appeared to be involved, and this annoyed us."

Dr Singh said he had refused to sit on the campaign executive because he realized that it might make the CRC open to criticism. The CRC says that although SWP candidates stood for the executive none was voted in.

Mr Webb said he met the CRC regularly and had good relations with it. What annoyed him and other Conservatives was that the CRC seemed to be involved in overt political activity and was often criticizing the council.

Dr Singh said that if the grant was cut off the CRC would try to raise money elsewhere. "The CRC has no political affiliations: it recently set up a meeting for Mr Whitelaw with immigrant leaders, and that went off very well.

"We have simply been doing our job, and we cannot do that by not saying what we think needs to be done. If we were muzzled, we should not be doing our job properly."

Deadly spiders in aircraft

Poisonous black widow spiders have been found in two lynx helicopters at Boscombe Down airbase, Wiltshire. The aircraft recently returned to the airbase after three months of tests in California. The helicopters have been fumigated.



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rnal changes to the car le halogen driving lamps; r bumpers and (except on states) rear fog lamps. To the latest international ards, dual-circuit brakes been fitted.

uipment has been imd throughout the range, so that such items as a dipping rear-view mirror, trip meter and locking glovebox are standard on the cheapest car. More expensive models have a new four-spoke steering wheel, radio and intermittent windscreen wiper setting.

The 1300 models cost from £2,707 for the basic two-door to £3,329 for the best-equipped four-door. The 1700 cars, all four-door, cost from £3,029 to £3,556. The estates are priced at £3,219 to £3,615.

Small automatic: An automatic version of the successful Renault 5 small hatchback goes on sale in Britain next month after making its United Kingdom debut at the International Motor Show in Birmingham. The car uses a new three-speed transmission with an uprated version of the 1289cc engine, giving a top speed of almost 88 mph.

Renault hopes to exploit a neglected part of the market. Only 10 per cent of new cars sold in Britain in 1977 had automatic transmission and among small cars the proportion was less than 5 per cent. The R5 automatic is expected to be driven mainly by women aged between 25 and 44 and used primarily for shopping and other short journeys.

The car costs £3,050, the same as the high performance 5TS, and has a distinctive black vinyl roof and black polyester bumpers.

Fiat fined for false statements

From Our Correspondent
Chichester

The Fiat Motor Company (UK) Ltd, of Brentford, London was fined £2,200 yesterday by magistrates of Chichester, Sussex, for making false statements in advertisements about guarantee coverage on used cars. The company pleaded guilty to all six charges brought against it.

The magistrates were told that advertisements in the national and local press gave details of the Fiat Autocover service, which involved 284 dealers in the United Kingdom.

The statements in the advertisements, it was alleged, did not tally with details in warranties handed to motorists after a deposit had been paid.

"The provisions of the warranty were not quite the same as what the advertisement said, and there were complaints", Mr David Brummell, prosecuting for West Sussex Trading Standards Department, told the court.

He said the advertisements stated that a motorist would get free labour and parts on any major mechanical breakdown during his first 12 months' ownership or until the car's milage reached 60,000, whichever came first. In fact, when the buyer got the warranty he found that the battery, clutch and carburettor were covered for only three months or 3,000 miles.

Mr Brummell said the worst infringement in the department's view was the statement that the buyer would get "practically the same sort of protection buying a used Ford from Fiat as he would get from buying a new car from Ford".

Mr Frederick Phillpott, for Fiat, said: "This campaign was an attempt to improve the standard of used cars being sold in this country." He apologized on behalf of Fiat.

"There is no doubt the statements were utterly false", Captain Myles Wilson, the chairman, said before imposing the fines and ordering payment of £47.80 costs.

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leading drug company d be nationalized, so that research aimed at produc- drugs for the loosely d minority diseases was taken. Mr David Warbur- national industrial officer e General and Municipal ers' Union, said in London day.

Warburton, who is also ary of the Chemical s' Council, accused drug anies of concentrating on ention in the cough ly and sedative market.

pharmeceutical compa- have concentrated their so- research on drugs that bring the highest return and on existing drugs that, with a little formula change, can attract new patients, which guarantees new profits", he said.

An example was that £15m had been allocated to the crowded analgesic market, and £5,000 to help to run a golf tournament to raise money for research into leukaemia. Essential research would have to be undertaken through a different medium, and there was no reason why the drug companies should not have to make the main financial contribution.

"It is time that we who pay the piper started to play a few tunes", he said.

Many doctors and pharmacists took the same view as the union, resenting smear attacks by the drug industry accusing them of being anything from raving nationalizers to people with a total ignorance about the industry.

The present relationship between the drug industry and the National Health Service was far from healthy. The self-protecting mechanism by which the industry guaranteed its profits by a price-fixing system was not in the public interest.

Mr Warburton was speaking to company representatives from the drug and cosmetic industries at a conference of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

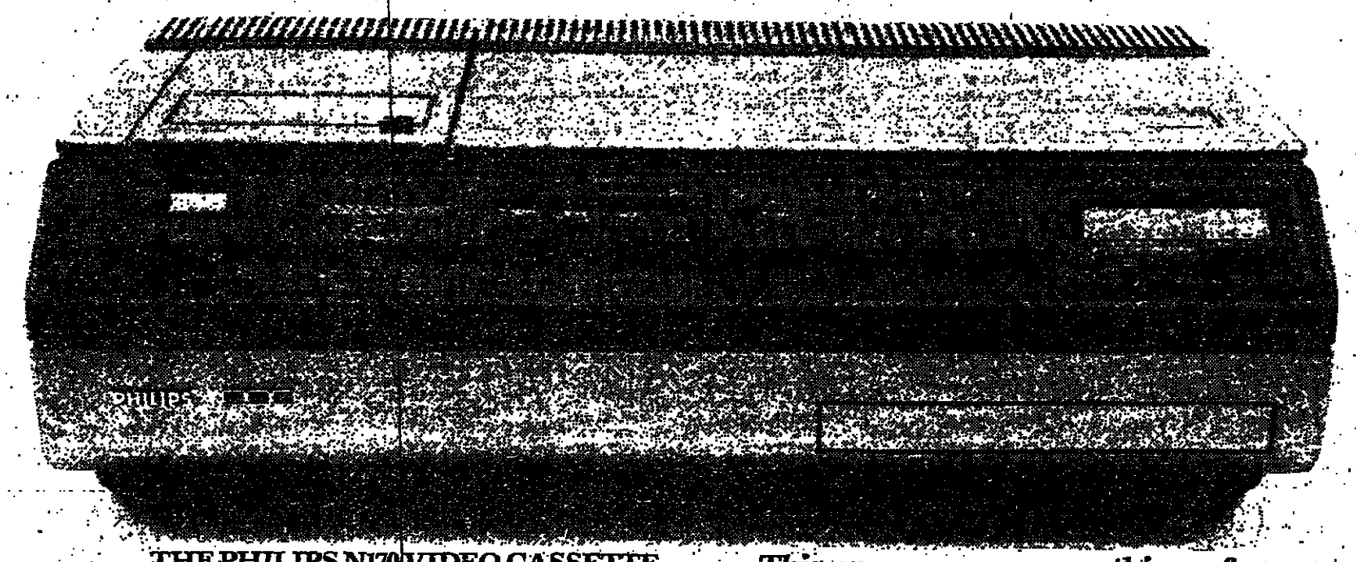
Dr Leonard Goodwin, director of science at the Nuffield laboratories of comparative medicine, the Institute of Zoology, told the British Pharmaceutical conference last week that the drug industry was shy of trying to make new urgently needed drugs for patients in the developing countries.

Four reasons were: the search for new drugs was neither easy nor cheap; it took five to seven years and might cost £10m to make necessary tests; the international chaos besetting the observance of patent law was such that useful new drugs were rapidly pirated and sold at low prices by companies that had borne no share of research and development costs; and people who needed the drugs in developing countries were too poor to pay for

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THE BINGHAM REPORT

Government gave assurances 'in ignorance of true facts'

The Government and top management of oil groups made statements and gave assurances about oil supplies to Rhodesia because of ignorance of the true facts, the Bingham committee says in its report, published yesterday. It says in its conclusions:

In this chapter we summarize our main factual conclusions, we summarize and review the major arguments advanced on behalf of the Shell and BP groups and we make certain concluding observations. We refrain from expressing any opinion as to whether any company or any individual has or may have at any time committed any criminal offence under the sanctions orders. Our terms of reference do not in our opinion permit, still less require, us to do so. We have, however, in Annex III [not published in the report], gathered together information and references which may be of relevance in considering whether criminal offences have been committed.

It is convenient that we should summarize our main conclusions. In making this summary we would emphasize

(a) that a proper understanding and fair appreciation of the facts summarized require reference to the indicated passages in the full text.

(b) that the summary is of facts now known: many of the facts now summarized were not contemporaneously known to one or other or both of the groups in London; some were not known until the relevant documents were assembled from many sources for presentation to us; some came to light in the course of the investigation. It would be wrong to assume that all the events now summarized were known to the groups in London at the time the events were taking place.

Our main conclusions are these:

1. Shell notified the Rhodesian Government before UDI that the Shell and BP groups would continue to perform their contractual obligations unless or until force majeure prevented them doing so. There may have been informal expressions of opinion to the effect that sanctions were unlikely to be imposed and, if imposed, were unlikely to be effective. The groups did not deliberately encourage the Rhodesian Government to make its illegal declaration of independence and did not assure that Government that it would maintain supplies if sanctions were imposed.

2. It seems very likely that in the weeks preceding promulgation of the 1965 sanctions order stocks in Rhodesia rose above the normal level. We do not think that any major concerted effort to that end was made, and limitations on storage capacity precluded substantial stockpiling. We doubt if the margin by which stocks were increased significantly affected the subsequent course of events.

3. It appears that stocks of refined products in Zambia immediately prior to the 1965 sanctions order were at a very low level. It may be that there was some interception in Rhodesia of supplies intended for Zambia, or a deliberate failure to consign to Zambia supplies which would otherwise have been consigned, but the evidence available to us does not show that this was so.

4. We are satisfied that Shell did not, in the weeks immediately preceding the 1965 sanctions order, negotiate with the Portuguese to vary the form of documentation for imports in transit through Mozambique with a view to concealing the destination of products consigned to Rhodesia in the event of an embargo.

5. Upon the making of the 1965 sanctions order, Shell, on behalf of Consolidated and the Shell and BP groups, acted promptly to notify the Consolidated companies in South Africa, Mozambique and Rhodesia of the terms of the order and to seek the compliance of those companies with its terms. A cargo of oil on the high seas en route for Rhodesia was diverted. Further supplies of crude were stopped. Orders suspected of being for Rhodesia were rejected.

6. Pumping of oil to Capref [Central African Petroleum Refineries, a Rhodesian company owned by the international oil concerns] ceased on December 31, 1965, and the refinery closed down on January 15, 1966. No crude oil has reached the refinery since that date and it remains closed down.

7. The Consolidated management [Shell and BP in the area] immediately stopped the dispatch of products from the Durban refinery and the Luboil blending plant and (after a pause to assess the legal position) acted to prevent the supply from South Africa to Rhodesia of products which had traditionally been supplied from the Consolidated companies in South Africa to their affiliates in Rhodesia.

100,000 gallons of oil a day

8. Oil products began to reach Rhodesia by the road route over Beit Bridge at a rate rising from about 35,000 gallons per day in February up to about 100,000 gallons per day in May, 1966. Subsequently the quantities entering Rhodesia by this route declined. Supplies were sent partly by South African supporters of the Rhodesian regime and partly by South African and Rhodesian contractors, and were increasingly obtained by Genta (the Rhodesian oil procurement agency). Transport belonging to the South African Consolidated marketing companies was not involved. Some transport belonging or leased to Rhodesian contractors but painted (or previously painted) with the colours of the Rhodesian Consolidated companies was used to obtain supplies; some of these companies' own transport may also have been used. It is certainly possible, though not proved, that the Rhodesian Consolidated companies actively participated in the procurement of supplies by road from the Transvaal. Another Rhodesian marketing company did so. The source of the products carried to Rhodesia by road cannot be clearly ascertained, but it is likely that they derived from all the South African marketing companies.

9. The local management of the Consolidated companies in South Africa was impeded in its initial efforts to restrict the flow of oil to Rhodesia by the insistence of the South African Government that there should be no embargo within South Africa on supplies to Rhodesia and by the strong pro-Rhodesian sympathy of virtually all white South Africans employed by the companies. Despite these impediments the local management of Consolidated tried during about the first six months or so after the 1965 sanctions order to prevent or reduce the flow of oil to Rhodesia.

10. In February, 1966, oil products began to be carried by rail from South Africa via Mozambique to Rhodesia. This traffic reached a peak in May, 1966, and thereafter declined, ceasing altogether in March, 1967. The quantity of all products carried by this route during 1966 amounted to some 87,000 tons. It seems highly probable that industrial customers of all the South African marketing companies bought rail tank cars of product surplus to their requirements and reconsigned them to Rhodesia. It seems clear that Parry Leon and Hayhoe Ltd [South African forwarding agents] brought rail tank cars of product and reconsigned them to Rhodesia. The figures suggest that a substantial proportion of this traffic consisted of purchases by Parry Leon and Hayhoe from the Consolidated marketers in South Africa, and that some members of the South African management must have known of the destination of these products.

11. In December, 1966 Shell Mocambique [jointly owned with BP] delivered about 3,000 tons of oil products free on rail at Lourenco Marques to Parry Leon and Hayhoe pursuant to contracts made between Shell South Africa and Parry Leon and Hayhoe in Johannesburg. During 1967 about 150,000 tons were so delivered. Shell South Africa was under strong pressure from the South African Government, if not under legal obligation, to make sales to South African buyers able to pay the price, which is what Parry Leon and Hayhoe were. While the product probably passed technically through the ownership of Shell Mocambique, it was supplied by the Consolidated marketing companies in South Africa and was in the main transported to Mozambique from South Africa. Parry Leon and Hayhoe sold these products to Genta and consigned them to Rhodesia. Additional quantities may well have been similarly delivered to Parry Leon and Hayhoe for carriage to the Transvaal.

12. When Mr Vasconcellos in Mozambique [sales manager of Shell Mocambique between 1965 and 1968] appreciated that goods delivered to Parry Leon and Hayhoe, or some of them, were being carried to Rhodesia he raised the matter with the top management in South Africa. He was told (in effect) to continue making such deliveries. The management in South Africa was, however, concerned to avoid the affixing of rail tank car labels showing a Rhodesian destination within the Shell Mocambique installation and was insistent that no consignments were to be made direct to Rhodesian destinations.

Embassy told of oil shipments

12. Mr L. C. V. Walker's personal position as a South African citizen and general manager [of the Consolidated (Shell BP) companies] in South Africa, with overall local responsibility for Mozambique was a difficult one because he could not faithfully comply at the same time both with the policy of the 1965 sanctions order that supplies should be denied to Rhodesia and with the policy of the South African Government that South African traders should be free to trade with Rhodesia. He believed it was arguable that since neither he nor Shell Mocambique knew for sure that any particular consignment was destined for Rhodesia there was no contravention of the 1965 sanctions order.

14. Mr Walker informed the British Embassy in South Africa of his view that oil for Rhodesia was going through various intermediaries from all the companies supplying South Africa, probably in about the same proportion as their share of the South African market, and that he believed the other companies would make good any shortfall in supplies made by the Consolidated marketing companies.

15. Until January, 1968, the Shell and BP groups in London believed that no sales were made by the Consolidated marketing companies in South Africa and Mozambique to customers who were known or thought to be selling the products on to Rhodesia. That belief was based on information and assurances given by the general manager in South Africa, Mr Walker. These assurances were passed on to her Majesty's Government, which, until towards the close of 1967, fully accepted them.

16. From about May, 1966, when the scale of the supply to Rhodesia became known, HMG was very much concerned to stop the supply. During 1967 a number of schemes were explored and diplomatic moves made to that end. HMG came to believe that without the cooperation of South Africa and Portugal, and in the absence of a restricted category supply by the CFP Group (the French Total oil company) to the Sonarep refinery (partly owned by Total and situated at Lourenco Marques), the supply to Rhodesia could not (without an embargo on supplies to South Africa and Mozambique) be stopped altogether. The attention of HMG was then concentrated on achieving a situation in which it could truly be said that British companies were not engaged in supplying Rhodesia and that no British oil was reaching Rhodesia. Towards the end of 1967 HMG began to suspect that customers to whom goods were delivered free on rail at Lourenco Marques by Shell Mocambique were consigning them to Rhodesia.

17. Information given to Shell in London in January, 1968, led the groups to believe that Parry Leon and Hayhoe, to whom goods were delivered free on rail at Lourenco Marques, might be consigning them to Rhodesia. A visit to South Africa and Mozambique by representatives of Shell in London confirmed that belief.

18. In about February, 1968 Shell South Africa made an arrangement with Total South Africa that orders for products to be delivered free on rail at Lourenco Marques, placed on Shell South Africa [jointly owned with BP] customers suspected of selling on to Rhodesia, should be fulfilled with product supplied by Total South Africa from its Matola installation in exchange for an equivalent quantity of product supplied to it by the Consolidated companies in South Africa at a convenient point or points in that country.

19. On February 21, 1968 representatives of the group disclosed, to the Commonwealth Secretary that deliveries had in the past been made free on rail at Lourenco Marques to customers who had resold to Rhodesia and that arrangements had been made for orders placed by suspicious customers henceforward to be met from non-British sources at Lourenco Marques. It may have been indicated that a CFP Group was the most likely non-British source and that product exchange was involved. The details of the Total exchange arrangement were communicated to HMG in the course of the following year if not on that occasion. HMG considered that this was the best arrangement which could be made in the circumstances but realized that it would not of itself prevent or reduce the quantity of oil reaching Rhodesia.

20. The Total exchange arrangement was implemented and operated for a period, during which orders placed on Shell South Africa by Parry Leon and Hayhoe and (after 1969) Freight Services [which absorbed Parry Leon and Hayhoe] were physically met with product supplied and landed by Total South Africa at Lourenco Marques against an equivalent supply elsewhere. This arrangement was superseded by an arrangement under which products supplied by the consolidated South African marketing companies were handled through the Total installation at Lourenco Marques for a fee and then delivered by Total to Freight Services. This arrangement with Total ended at about the end of 1971.

21. After the ending of the arrangements with Total orders placed by Freight Services on Shell South Africa were met from products supplied by the Consolidated South African marketing companies [Shell and BP] and delivered by Shell Mocambique at Lourenco Marques. Most, if not all, of those products were carried by Freight Services to Rhodesia.

Stitch in chain of supply

22. It was known to the top management of the Consolidated companies in South Africa and (at the event) Mozambique that arrangements with Total South Africa had come to an end. It was known to the top management in both countries that deliveries to Freight Services at Lourenco Marques were handled by Shell Mocambique.

23. During visits to South Africa in early 1974 it came to the attention of Mr J. G. Francis [area coordinator at Shell London for South Africa] and Mr A. H. Sidford [BP regional coordinator (South Africa)] that the Total exchange arrangement had ended and that Shell Mocambique was handling deliveries to Freight Services. Mr Francis told the local management of Servico or Shell South Africa that steps should be taken at once to remove Shell Mocambique from the chain of supply to Freight Services. This was not done before the closure of the Mozambique/Rhodesia border in March, 1976, although no quantities delivered by Shell Mocambique to Freight Services diminished following the opening of a direct rail link between South Africa and Rhodesia in September, 1974. Mr Francis discussed the matter with his immediate superior (Mr de Liefde [regional managing director] and thought that he had effectively communicated an understanding of the problem. Such was not the case: Mr de Liefde did not appreciate that Shell Mocambique might be in jeopardy or that there was any departure from arrangements notified to HMG. Mr Francis did not make any report on this matter to any other member of the Shell management nor ascertain whether his instructions to Servico or Shell South Africa had been carried out, although he was led to believe for a time that Freight Services traffic to Rhodesia had switched from Lourenco Marques to the new rail link. Early in 1975 he learnt that some Freight Services supplies to Rhodesia were still being handled by Shell Mocambique in Lourenco Marques but thought that these were minor residual deliveries which gradually petered out. Mr Sandford informed his immediate superior Mr A. M. Robertson [BP trading director for Consolidated companies] what he had learnt in South Africa and of the concern that he felt about it, but Mr Robertson knew very little of the events in 1968 and misconceived the status of Freight Services and did not communicate any sense of urgency or alarm to the most senior levels of BP management or to Shell. Mr Sandford pursued the matter with Mr Francis but in October, 1974, concluded (wrongly) that the new rail link had attracted the Lourenco Marques oil traffic and thus solved the problem. Thereafter he did nothing before his retirement in September, 1975.

24. The quantities of product delivered to Parry Leon and Hayhoe and Freight Services free on rail in Lourenco Marques, either by Total South Africa (during the exchange throughput period) or after that period by Shell Mocambique, pursuant to orders placed on Shell South Africa (or BP Southern Africa), and thereafter sold to Genta and consigned to Rhodesia, were during the calendar years 1968-73 inclusive probably not less than the following:

1968	165,000 tons
1969	180,000 tons
1970	190,000 tons
1971	220,000 tons
1972	275,000 tons
1973	300,000 tons
1974	300,000 tons
1975	250,000 tons

25. When the business formerly conducted under the Consolidated agreements in South Africa came to be split between the Shell and BP groups, BP insisted on obtaining and obtained half of the business with Freight Services. Its chief local representative in South Africa knew what that business consisted of. So, with varying degrees of comprehension, did a small number of officers in London.

26. From March, 1966, until the independence of Mozambique in June, 1975, ships entering Beira with cargoes of oil or oil products were subject to scrutiny by patrolling vessels of the Royal Navy. The volume of refined products reaching Rhodesia through Beira between the 1965 sanctions order and the closure of the Mozambique/Rhodesia border in March, 1976, was inconsiderable. No crude oil reached Rhodesia by this route.

27. Throughout the period since the 1965 sanctions order some minor products have reached Rhodesia from South Africa by means of the railway line through Botswana. No attempt was made to intercept these supplies within that country either before or after the independence of Botswana because it was believed that Botswana was economically dependent on the railway line and vulnerable to economic retaliation by Rhodesia, and also because of South African insistence that the line be kept open. The South African Government and the Consolidated marketing companies in South Africa were made aware of BHG's wish that supplies to Rhodesia by this route should be kept to a minimum. We are satisfied that the volumes of oil products carried by this route were modest, never reached 10,000 tons in any year for which figures are available. There is no evidence that volume increased thereafter.

28. Throughout the period from the 1965 sanctions order until the present, minor products such as lubricants, base oils greases, SBPs and bitumen not in the main reached Rhodesia direct from South Africa. Genta were probably not involved in the procurement of lubricants and base oils, but Freight Services and at least one other intermediary (DL Petroleum) were involved in these sales. The procurement of minor products other than lubricants and base oil may have been handled by Genta but we think it more likely that Genta procured bitumen by Freight Services acted as intermediary in sales of all these products also.

29. During 1975 an increasing share of supplies to Freight Services was made by Sasol [the South African state oil company] or Sasraf [the holding company for the South Africa controlled refinery, Natref] direct from the Republic of South Africa by the new rail link. The supplies came from Natref. At about the time of the Mozambique/Rhodesia border closure in March 1976 Sasol or Sasraf took over all responsibility for the supply to Freight Services of those main products (in particular motor gasoline and gasoil) which Natref produced. The South African marketing companies who had previously done business with Freight Services were as to 85 per cent of the business so lost, compensated by increased access to the Natref area of the Transvaal. So far as we have been able to ascertain, this situation has continued up to the present. It seems probable that neither the Shell nor the BP marketing companies in South Africa are now selling to Freight Services or to any intermediary who is known to be selling on to Rhodesia.

30. After a lapse of some years contact between MG and the Shell and BP groups concerning the enforcement of sanctions was renewed in the summer of 1976. In a letter to HMG dated June 30, 1976, following publication of *The Oil Conspiracy* in the United States by the Centre for Social Action of the United Church of Christ, disclosure was no made of the deliveries by Shell Mocambique to Freight Services between 1972 and March, 1976, and he impression was given that the situation had remained substantially unchanged since February, 19[illegible]. It was known to Mr Francis (who drafted the letter) that such deliveries had been made, although he thought that they had been later and stopped earlier. It was not appreciated by Mr Francis's superiors in Shell that such deliveries had been made at all. Mr Francis had discussed the matter with Mr de Liefde but the latter had not grasped the situation. It is not entirely clear whether the contents of this letter were disclosed to BP before the letter as sent but BP received a copy of the letter subsequently and approved of it. The responsible senior management of BP at this time (June, 1976) had not been involved in the discussions with HMG in 1968-69 and did not appreciate the changes which had occurred in the arrangements then notified to HMG nor the possible implications of such changes.

Groups use power of control

31. Since a date very shortly after the 1965 sanctions order the Consolidated marketing companies in Rhodesia have been subject to direction by the illegal Rhodesian Government on pain of criminal penalty for non-compliance. It has never been suggested to the Shell and BP groups or HMG that they should liquidate those companies or suspend their operations; had either of the courses been attempted the Rhodesian Government would have appointed a custodian of the companies. The groups have received information concerning these companies sporadically, but not concerning procurement of supplies. Directors of the company resident in England have played no part in their management. Sales (as the channel of communication under the Consolidated arrangements) have remained in contact with the companies and have been able to influence some policy decisions, but neither the groups nor Consolidated have enjoyed any effective power of control.

32. The primary role in procuring main products for consumption on the Rhodesian market was played (at least so far as the Consolidated companies were concerned) by Genta, who appears to have allocated the available supplies to the existing Rhodesian marketers roughly in proportion to their market share. So far as we know, Caltex in Rhodesia played no part in procuring supplies save in the early months of 1966. There is some evidence that the Consolidated companies in Rhodesia did, probably to a minor extent, participate with Genta in procuring supplies. We have had no direct evidence concerning Mobil and Total.

33. At the time of UDI, total consumption of all petroleum products in Rhodesia was running at an annual rate of about 410,000 tons. The total fell after UDI but was restored to the old level by about 1969 and thereafter increased until it now stands at about 800,000 tons.

SHELL: At the outset of our investigation Mr C. C. Pocock, chairman of the Shell Transport and Trading Company Ltd, stressed to us that the principle of delegating managerial authority to local Shell companies was one in which the Royal Dutch/Shell Group really believes and which it fully practises. Apart from certain business principles which must always be observed, and matters such as financial policy and management appointments which are of direct concern to the shareholder, the business of management is entrusted to the local management. As a letter circulated to Shell companies in November, 1976, put it, "fullest practicable managerial autonomy resides with each Shell company". We are satisfied that in practice very considerable managerial autonomy was granted to group companies in southern Africa during the period under consideration, although their performance was carefully monitored in London and non-routine decisions were the subject of consideration there.

It was stressed, secondly, that chief executives and local staffs within the group are expected to obey the laws of countries where they live and work. This formed part of a statement of general business principles drawn up by the group and circulated to companies in 1975: "Companies should endeavour always to act commercially, operating within existing national laws in a socially responsible manner, and avoid involvement in politics."

This recommendation reflected OECD guidelines accepted by HMG in 1976. Sir Frank McFadzean, himself a former chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, laid particular emphasis on the importance, in his view, of local companies so far as possible avoiding involvement in national politics. We think that both elements of this principle, compliance with local law and avoidance of corporate political commitments, formed part of the group's philosophy and practice in Southern Africa throughout the period.

Duty to comply with local law

At the conclusion of our investigation Shell made to us a detailed written submission drawing attention to a number of factors which, it was said, must have affected the minds and conduct of those in Shell who were concerned with handling the many and difficult problems caused by sanctions. In summary, Shell contended:

That its belief from the outset was that sanctions could not prevent supplies of oil reaching Rhodesia because ample supplies would be forthcoming from South Africa: the withholding of supplies to South Africa by Shell would have caused grave damage to British commercial interests there (including the sequestration by the South African Government of Shell's own assets) but it would not have stopped the flow of oil products to Rhodesia.

That Shell was the subject not only of a conflict between the policies of the British and South African governments but also of an irreconcilable conflict between the policy of the sanctions orders (which Shell thought could only be safely complied with by cutting of supplies to South Africa) and the policy of HMG that there should be no economic confrontation with South Africa given the duty to comply with the local law, this gave rise to the most acute practical problems.

that acceptance of the Total exchange by HMG was inevitable if confrontation with South Africa was to be avoided, but it was felt by Shell to be a fairly transparent device since it involved continued contractual relations by Shell South Africa with (and facilitation of supplies to) Parry Leon and Hayhoe, who were known to be supplying Rhodesia; the only change was that the product supplied to Parry Leon and Hayhoe now belonged to Total South Africa who in exchange received products (supplied by English-incorporated Shell and BP trading companies) elsewhere in South Africa.

that those concerned naturally and foreseeably interpreted HMG's concern as being to have a technical defence to the accusation that British oil was reaching Rhodesia, that defence being based on a narrow construction of the sanctions order.

that between 1966 and 1972 talk of a Rhodesian settlement was frequently in the air: since South African help was sought in persuading Mr Smith to compromise there was an added reason for avoiding confrontation.

that those who knew of the Total exchange must have appreciated that closure of the Mozambique border would necessarily have ended the Total exchange as arranged in 1968.

This submission raises certain questions involving the evaluation of government policy upon which we do not feel entitled under our terms of reference to comment. But it also raises factual issues upon which the evidence given to us does enable us to make observations:

Shell did from the outset consider the sanctions against Rhodesia could not be effective unless South Africa also were blockaded. Within HMG also there was appreciation of difficulties which the sanctions policy faced.

Sir Frank McFadzean told us that it was his view and that of Mr P. Berkin [regional Shell managing director] at the time of the 1965 sanctions order that if Shell had refused to supply South Africa the South Africans would have sequestrated Shell's assets: they also thought that the South Africans had enough engineers and that there was enough crude oil available to enable the South Africans to run Sapref [the holding company of South Africa's state controlled refiners] without Shell's cooperation. We have not investigated this matter, but have no reason to doubt Sir Frank and Mr Berkin's contemporary judgment. In a practical (as opposed to a legal) sense there was an obvious conflict between the policy of HMG that oil trade to Rhodesia should be reduced as much as possible and the South African Government's policy that South African buyers should be free to buy oil within South Africa irrespective of the use or destination to which they intended to use or send it. For British citizens subject to the laws of both countries there was a conflict of jurisdictions in a legal sense.

Shortly after the 1965 sanctions order Shell expressed the view that the only sure way of avoiding a breach of the order was to cease supplying the South African registered companies.

It was the policy of HMG in the years 1965-1969 at all costs to avoid economic confrontation with South Africa. We have received no evidence as to policy in later years. It was recognized on all sides that the cutting off of supplies to South Africa by Shell and BP groups was likely to provoke such confrontation. At his meeting with company representatives on February 21 1968, the Commonwealth Secretary said that there were no doctrinaire or ideological objections to trade with South Africa, save in the arms field, and other similar statements were made on other occasions.

The Consolidated marketing companies in South Africa and their employees faced very severe problems in seeking to give effect to the policy of the sanctions orders. The companies were initially doubtful as to the legality of the Total exchange, but did not disclose those doubts to HMG. On February 6, 1969, Sir Frank McFadzean expressed the view that the exchange seemed "pretty thin" to him but "legally sound". HMG was of opinion that "the legal position was sound and could be defended", and was never prepared to countenance what it regarded as breaches of the orders by British companies. It was appreciated within the companies (as was the case) that HMG regarded it as important to be able to assert that British oil was not reaching Rhodesia.

There were two or three occasions over the years 1966-72 when it was widely believed that a political settlement with Rhodesia might be imminent: for example, at the time of the talks on HMS Tiger and HMS Fearless, and at the time of the Douglas-Home proposals in 1971.

Since the Total exchange (as arranged in 1968) involved delivery of refined products free on rail in Lourenco Marques before onward carriage of some or all of them to Rhodesia, the arrangement could not survive closure of the Mozambique-Rhodesia border. We have endeavoured to take full account of this submission by Shell both in reaching and formulating our factual conclusions and in making the observations.

BP: The position of BP was in some respects the same as that of Shell and in some different. The main difference was that during those periods when and in those areas where the Consolidated agreements were in force BP were, even as compared with Shell in London, one step further removed from direct involvement in the business operations of the local companies (except, in the case of Mozambique, from September 1 1975 onwards). The role of BP was necessarily subsidiary. Another difference, which would seem to have influenced BP's conduct on occasion (for example, in favouring immediate disclosure to HMG in February, 1968), was the large government shareholding in BP.

BP were, however, at one with Shell in their approach to the principle of managerial autonomy. The point was put by BP in this way: "The South African subsidiary companies were not created or used as a sham to enable English companies to evade the requirements of English law. Their creation occurred many years ago. The autonomy which they enjoyed was conferred on them bona fide and was a response to a problem which confronts every major business operating in many countries, namely, that the host governments insist that enterprises operating in their country be to that extent identified with the national interest of that country, and in particular that commercial policy be not dictated by the political policy of the group's home government. These are the conditions in which the BP group trades in South Africa."

BP would endorse the principle that local companies should comply with local laws and, as the foregoing quotation makes clear, base their decisions on Commercial rather than political grounds.

BP's overriding submission was that the group management in London consistently cooperated in the enforcement of sanctions whenever its assistance was requested by HMG, and that where on occasion it was not able to assist its position was very fully explained to HMG. This is in our opinion true of the early years; but for various reasons summarized above there was not a full (or indeed any) explanation to HMG of the situation found to exist in early 1974, and when the South African business was split BP showed no reluctance to undertake to help the Freight Services trade.

In offering observations upon certain of the facts recounted and summarized above, we wish to reiterate that we are excluding from our consideration questions as to whether any criminal offence has been committed by any company or any individual.

We think it unfortunate that Mr Walker should, as general manager in South Africa with responsibility for Mozambique, have failed between about the end of 1966 and February 1968, to lay the facts known to and suspected by him before his superiors in London and that he should have given categorical assurances which those facts did not warrant. The Shell and BP groups in London and HMG were as a result led to misunderstand the means by which Rhodesia obtained its oil supplies. Because of this misunderstanding both the groups and HMG unwittingly adopted false positions at that time.

The easiest course for Mr Walker personally would have been to disclose his knowledge and suspicions to Shell Centre and let others bear the burden of deciding what to do. It has not become clear to us why he did not do so. He may have wished to avoid embarrassing the Shell management in London. He may also have wished to safeguard the business he was running in South Africa. Awareness of the very stringent South African official secrets legislation may have played a part. We do not think these considerations justify his conduct even if they explain it.

In making this criticism we bear in mind the submission made to us against attributing blame to relatively junior individuals. We are also acutely aware of the difficult of Mr Walker's position as a South African living in a society very unsympathetic to the policy of the sanctions orders. But as general manager of the Consolidated operation in South Africa, Mr Walker was not in a junior position, and it must in our view follow that if fullest practicable managerial autonomy is to reside in each local company then the management of that company must be regarded as responsible for the decisions which it makes.

Severe difficulty with sanctions

Given the prevailing management philosophy, the information received from local sources and the knowledge that existed in the groups of local political attitudes in South Africa and Mozambique, we do not think the groups are to be criticized for failing during 1956 and 1967 to send a team from London to investigate methods of Rhodesian supply directly. When, in January, 1968, suspicion deepened, such a team was sent. We are surprised that the report made by that team did not cause some dissatisfaction with the information previously supplied from South Africa, but we have not heard that it did. The reason is, we think, that the facts were not, even in February, 1968, known to the groups nearly as fully as they are now.

It was in our view a proper course for the groups, once appraised of the facts, to disclose them and the proposed solution to HMG and seek HMG's acceptance of that solution. We are unsure whether the proposed solution was fully communicated in February 1968 but during the year following HMG was given sufficient information to enable a fair judgment to be made. The contrary has not been suggested to us. The proposed solution was accepted. It was thereafter reasonable for the groups to proceed upon that basis. The Total exchange arrangement plainly did not have the effect of denying supplies of oil products to Rhodesia. That an arrangement having this deficiency was accepted by HMG had, we think, an important consequence. It induced among some of those most directly concerned (notably Mr Francis and Mr Walker) a belief that compliance with the sanctions orders was to be regarded as a matter of form rather than of substance, that it was the letter which mattered, not the spirit. The failure to communicate to or within Shell Centre certain matters which, as we think, should have been communicated may be traceable to this belief.

We think it possible also that, because of their differing viewpoints and backgrounds, HMG and the groups may have seen the Total exchange rather differently. To HMG the arrangement was acceptable because it took British oil companies out of the line of supply to Rhodesia and enabled it to be said that British oil was not reaching Rhodesia. In the light of Britain's primary international responsibility for Rhodesia, that seemed an object worth achieving even though the arrangement would not deny oil to the illegal regime. To company representatives, familiar with product exchanges as an everyday fact of the international oil business, the exchange might, like other exchanges, have appeared to be merely an alternative means of making a supply. This aproach may, we think, have coloured the thinking of some oil company employees.

When, following the Total exchange, official pressure on the groups eased, there was a marked reduction in the prominence given to the whole question of Rhodesian sanctions among those within the groups who were concerned with the affairs of Southern Africa. This had a consequence of its own in the inadequate briefing on this subject of some key executives who came fresh to the South African scene after 1968: on the Shell side, for example, neither Mr de Liefde on appointment as regional coordinator nor Mr McCutcheon on appointment as managing director of Servico, was instructed as to the past history or the group policy on this subject: the same was in varying degrees true on the BP side of Mr C. C. Laidlaw when he became regional managing director. Mr Robertson when he became regional director of BP Trading, Mr M. J. K. Savage when he became regional coordinator, Mr Denys Milne when he became the BP representative in South Africa and Mr Trenchman, either when he went to Mozambique as senior assistant in 1973, or when he became the local general manager in September, 1975.

Bearing in mind the information given to HMG in February 19[illegible] and HMG's request recorded in Sir Frank McFadzean's note of that meeting that it should be informed of any change in the situation, we think it clear that the groups should not have allowed this subject to slip so far into the background. Those responsible for keeping HMG informed of any change in the situation could not do so without a reasonable working knowledge of what the situation was.

It was plainly the duty of Mr Walker as general manager in South Africa, knowing as he did the outline of what transpired between HMG and the groups in early 1968, to inform Shell Centre of the ending of the Total exchange and the procedures adopted thereafter. Again we are unclear why he did not do so. Again we think the consideration listed above played a part. We think also (despite his denial) that he was probably influenced by the lack of official and company concern currently apparent in relation to questions of sanctions enforcement.

When Mr Francis and Mr Sandford (both of whom had detailed knowledge of what transpired between HMG and the groups in 1968-1969) learnt in early 1974 of the ending of the Total exchange and of the arrangements which had followed it, their duty was to our opinion to make sure that the change in the arrangements notified to HMG was fully appreciated by the responsible members of the senior management of their respective groups. While it was for the seniors managements to decide whether a further approach to HMG was indicated and whether any (and if so what) action should be taken to stop supplies, the managements should have been put in a position to make the decision. Both Mr Francis and Mr Sandford raised the matter with their superiors, but neither effectively communicated the important fact that a system of supply was in force which significantly departed. In the renewed involvement of Shell Mocambique from the arrangements notified to HMG in 1968-1969. This was unfortunate.

It was further, we think, the duty of Messrs Francis and Sandford, after learning the true facts in early 1974, to take steps to satisfy themselves, directly or indirectly, that Shell Mocambique had been removed from the chain of supply to Freight Services. If it had not, to seek some alternative expedient). While the detailed steps to be taken reasonably be seen as a matter for the local management, adjustment of the result was clearly a matter of direct concern to the groups themselves in view of their relations with HMG and the obligations of some companies and individuals under the sanctions order.

Although for a time Mr Francis believed that supplies had switched to the new rail link, he learnt in early 1975 that some (as he thought, residual) deliveries were continuing to be made by Shell Mocambique to Freight Services. He was never positively told that these deliveries had ceased and should not, we think, have let the matter rest. We do not doubt the genuineness of Mr Sandford's belief formed as a result of his visit to Matola in October, 1975 that the Freight Services traffic had switched from Lourenco Marques to the direct route to South Africa, and we bear in mind the action which Mr Sandford had already taken and the fact that there were at this time still two people removed from formal responsibility for management of marketing in South Africa; even so, we think Sandford was easily satisfied. Had the groups in London appreciated that a change of obvious significance had occurred in the arrangements notified to HMG in 1968-1969, we think it clear that HMG should have been told as consideration given to what (if any) action should be taken to ensure that the sanctions order were complied with. Their failure to tell HMG can be excused only on the basis (which we accept) of their ignorance or inadequate appreciation of the change which had occurred.

Once it was appreciated by the groups in January, 1968, that a situation had arisen in Mozambique of which the groups had not previously been fully informed and which was not regarded as acceptable, it should in our view have been seen as unsatisfactory (a) for the British-registered company Mozambique to be managed locally by Portuguese citizens not subject to the 1965 sanctions order and (b) for that company to report through and to be operationally subordinate to a management in South Africa which was inhibited in giving full effect to the policy of that order. BP did at this time ask that the general manager in South Africa should be relieved of responsibility for Mozambique. Shell had reasons for resisting the proposal and it was not pursued. It seems to us that this was a precaution which could and should have been taken and that the introduction of the Total exchange should not have been regarded as obviating the need for it. When in 1975, BP appointed an expatriate general manager in Mozambique, immediately answerable to BP London, the appointment was fortunately made without consideration of Rhodesian supply deliveries to Freight Services accordingly continued to be made until the Mozambique/Rhodesia border was closed, the general manager having no instructions to the contrary.

Attempt to stop the supply

The letter written by Shell to HMG following publication of the United Church of Christ report in June, 1976, was, in our view, bound to convey the impression as it did, that the arrangements disclosed in 1968-1969 had remained continuously in force until closure of the Mozambique-Rhodesia border in March, 1976. *Since Sir Frank McFadzean as signatory of the letter had not been informed to the contrary and believed this to be the case, he cannot be blamed.* But we think that Mr Francis, as author of the letter, who knew that it was not the case, should not have allowed this impression to be given. Although we fully accept that he had no thought or intention of misleading either his superiors in HMG, we think that even (or perhaps particularly) at this late stage the need for full disclosure should have been apparent.

The criticisms which we have made have related in the main to failures to disclose, either within the groups or by the groups to HMG. We do not regard these failures as in any way unimportant. The groups should have been able to base their actions and determine their conduct vis-à-vis HMG on the basis of some full and accurate information of what was available. In the context of the relations prevailing between it and the groups, HMG should have been able to base its policies towards the groups and to determine its conduct internationally on a clear understanding of the salient facts so far as these were known to the groups. In the event both HMG and the top management of the groups, save for limited periods (the period of two to three years after February, 1968, and perhaps the period after March, 1976), were ignorant of facts which should have been the subject certainly of consideration and possibly of action. This ignorance led HMG and the top management of the groups unwittingly to make statements and give assurances which they would not have done with full knowledge of the facts.



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Army is considering the ement of its long-range with a new American

Senior officers who are g United States trials of ultiple launch rocket (MLRS) expect to reach ion next year.

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Americans are searching European partners to rate in the project. It have to be decided r to invest money in the pment or to buy it later, ith the Lance tactical r missile.

French are also interested in acquiring the MLRS, and like the British Army, are on the brink of a decision.

The Army is also continuing to study the need for a new anti-aircraft gun in the late 1980s or 1990s, to complement anti-aircraft missiles.

Like other Western armies, it was impressed by the Russian ZSU-23 radar-guided gun when used in combination with surface-to-air missiles by the Arab forces in the October war in 1973.

The West German Army has developed the Gepard anti-aircraft vehicle, which is mounted on a Leopard tank chassis, but it is extremely expensive and to develop an all-British weapon would be still more costly. I understand that no decision on whether to acquire such a weapon for the Royal Artillery is expected for some time.

An announcement is expected soon, however, about the new all-British light anti-tank weapon (LAW) which is being developed for the infantry.

It will replace the Carl Gustav recoilless gun and the M-72 66mm anti-tank rocket, which have needed replacing for some time. Army sources believe that the hand-held, close-range LAW, together with the short-range Milan and the long-range Swingfire, will give the Army the world's best selection of anti-tank weapons.

Tests clear cream after food poisoning

A synthetic cream suspected of causing a salmonella food poisoning outbreak in which one man died and more than twenty others were affected has been cleared, the makers said yesterday.

The Department of Health, which issued a warning to catering establishments during an outbreak at a Jersey hotel, has confirmed that the cream was not implicated, Craigmillar, of Sussex, producers of Farmer's Classic non-dairy cream, said. It has been cleared to resume production.

Mr Eric Wright, Craigmillar's managing director, said yesterday: "We stopped the distribution of Farmer's Classic immediately we were informed on September 1 that a container of the cream was suspected of possibly being responsible for the outbreak of food poisoning.

"We felt at that time that this could not be correct because the container in question had not been delivered to *the island when the outbreak first occurred there on August* 16-17.

"The results of all the tests which have been made, amounting to several hundreds, now prove beyond doubt that the original suspicions were unfounded."

Theft victim hurt

A boy aged about 10 who dislocated the shoulder of a woman of 72 when he stole her handbag containing £6 at The Meadows, Nottingham, was being sought yesterday.



"Super-large": To mark the sixth anniversary of Britain's first hypermarket in Caerphilly, Wales, "Big Mong", a 40ft model of a gorilla, was present. Taller than a three-storey building, it can pick up two people in each hand.

Another MP attacks 'unnecessary secrecy'

By Our Arts Reporter

Mr Hugh Jenkins, MP, the former minister with responsibility for the arts, said yesterday that it should not have been necessary for his forthcoming book, *The Culture Gap*, to be published in January, to have been submitted to Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet. The draft was sent to Sir John *under the provisions of the* 1976 report of the Radcliffe committee, covering the writing of memoirs by former ministers.

"These are not really memoirs", Mr Jenkins said. "I have written about the Government and the arts; it is not concerned with what went on at Cabinet meetings and is remote from the area of defence."

He said that to present it as a personal difference between himself and Sir John was not quite right. "He was simply implementing instructions given to him under the Radcliffe report. I have no personal complaint against Sir John", Mr Jenkins said.

He said unnecessary secrecy was damaging for two reasons: *it suggested that people had* something to hide when they had not and made the security operation more difficult.

To make proposals about changing the relationships between minister and minister and between ministers and civil servants it was necessary to say what was wrong with the existing relationships, he said.

Mr Jenkins said the book was divided into three, the largest section dealing with his own ministerial experiences. "In that part I talk quite freely about relationships between myself and my civil servants. I felt it was beneficial all round that these matters should be discussed openly and properly. The public is entitled to know."

Mr Jenkins refers in the book's introduction to his reasons for rejecting Sir John's recommendations about certain passages. One of the main issues concerned the disclosure of names of senior civil servants, which Mr Jenkins felt it would be wrong to hide.

He also describes his relationships with other ministers and their attitudes towards his own *policies.*

New financial newspaper

Fleet Publishing International has announced that it is launching a new financial newspaper, to be called *The Financial Weekly*. The first issue will appear early in 1979. Fleet Publishing International, of which Mr Victor Mattews is chairman, controls the communications division of Trafalgar House which owns the Daily Express.

The new newspaper, which will appear every Friday, will be published by a newly formed subsidiary company, Fleet Financial Publishing Ltd. Mr Graham Sherren will be chairman of the company and Mr Andrew Ross, managing director. Mr William Davis, former editor of Punch, is to be editorial director and editor-in-chief.

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Defence say 'no threat' to President of Romania

Ion Ratiu, aged 61, president of the British Romanian Society, was granted an absolute discharge at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court yesterday for obstructing the police during a peaceful demonstration in London against alleged violations of human rights in Romania.

It was stated that he was arrested after the police had driven a bus in front of a handful of demonstrators to block their view of President Ceausescu of Romania as he arrived outside Claridge's, Mayfair, to be host at a banquet for the Queen during his state visit.

Mr Ratiu, of Arlington House, Westminster, denied but was found guilty of obstructing Chief Supt George Howell by climbing over police barriers and trying to get round the police bus.

The officer agreed that it was a good-humoured and peaceful demonstration but said the precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the President's party. He denied that the police were attempting to prevent the President from seeing the "naughty banners" reading: "Human rights in Romania censored" and other slogans.

Mr Robin Simpson, QC for the defence, said the demonstrators had posed no threat to the President and, therefore, the police did not act in their duty in stopping Mr Ratiu.

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The society had received about £2,000 in donations and advised people planning to come to Britain on accommodation, schools, and work. It had made its service known through the Rhodesian press, and was probably the only such group in Britain, he said.

The society was in touch with about a thousand families, two thirds of them in Rhodesia, and received between 50 and 100 letters a day.

"At least people have no language problems when they get to this country, but jobs are hard to find", he said. "Many kind people have offered part of their homes to *white Rhodesian families, and* we are very pleased at their generosity. It is very difficult for Rhodesians to leave, but they are being forced to do so."

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Our Correspondent
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Susan Oxley was said at eld Magistrates' Court to put laburnum seeds in her nd's Sunday lunch after argument over their test son John, aged five. was freed by the magis- s after they had been told the seeds were harmless ise she had boiled them id of serving them raw.

s Oxley, aged 27, of Shore- Street, Sheffield, was ed of maliciously adminig poison to her husband, with intent to injure

case was withdrawn after Peter Greathead, for the cution, had said that tests d the seeds were harmless. Oxley said that after her nd had eaten the meal of pork she told him about seeds. He went to hospital as kept in for observation. as discharged later.

School uniforms more than double in price

The cost of school uniforms has more than doubled in the four and a half years since Labour came to power, Mrs Sally Oppenheim, opposition spokesmen on prices and consumer affairs, said yesterday.

The average cost of outfitting a girl aged 10 for school was £57 (compared with £25.50 in February, 1974), and £58.50 (£28) for a boy of 10, she said at Bletchley Conservative Club, in Buckinghamshire.

As a result, more children were going back to school this term in hand-me-downs

Murder charge remand

A juvenile, aged 16, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates at Towcester, Northamptonshire, yesterday, accused of murdering Stephen Lovell, aged 19, a slaughterman, who was found stabbed near his home in Bickenstaffe Road, Towcester, last weekend.

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Association of County ils yesterday intensified campaign against the ment's proposals for government changes with sm of plans affecting the ays and planning func-

James Ireland, chairman association's planning and ort committee, said it had strong case to show that ransfer of planning re- bility from counties to *its would be more likely* se delay rather than re- it. "We are still waiting e Government to provide arguments for the changes are proposing.

ne changes would under- policies set out in struc- lans. They would promote r uncertainty not only e public who have played ificant part in the formu- of the policies but for pers who must know policies are to apply when ing applications are con- d."

Ireland said it was re- able that there seemed ve been no consultation any of the national bodies senting the client interest anning. "Perhaps this is understandable when we now see that although the association was consulted no regard has been paid to what it said."

It was inconceivable that the Government should be proposing to change the highways and traffic functions in the "certain knowledge that costs will be much higher and duplication of staff encouraged".

The association is bitterly opposed to the principle of transfer, described by Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, as organic change.

Miss Ann Spokes, chairman of the association's social services committee, said it would fight case by case the proposal to transfer responsibility for social services to the districts.

She said that if the social services were transferred to a district with a population over 100,000 it might result in "the dismemberment of the strong integrated social services departments needed to sustain this important and sensitive service".

When Mr Shore announced the Government's intentions on the day Parliament broke up for the summer recess he said there would be further consideration within the Government and consultations with the local authority associations and other interests.

ard seize magazines

icers of Scotland Yard's ne publications squad d premises in Maida London, on Monday night seized several hundred zines, photographs and ives.

lat in Sutherland Avenue and the premises of Teen Publications in Edgware Road were involved in the raid. Two men have been reported to the Director of Public Prosecutions under the Obscene Publications Act and the Protection of Children Act.

HOME NEWS

Expected rise in total of doctors 'requires close scrutiny of cost'

By John Roper
Health Services Correspondent

More doctors will cost a great deal of money and all forecasts about medical manpower should be carefully and explicitly costed, a research paper prepared at the request of the Royal commission on the National Health Service says.

The paper, published yesterday, says that the best guess of the number of doctors by the year 2000 was the mid-range one of 89,765, a growth of 38 per cent. The resources implications were significant. Present estimates indicated that each additional doctor would cost £40,000 to train and once trained he had to be paid.

An increase to 89,765 doctors in the year 2000 would increase salary costs by more than 23 per cent, hospital expenditure by more than 47 per cent and the general practitioners' drug bill by more than 27 per cent.

Because the regional distribution of doctors in Britain was very unequal, and because of difficulties caused by the growth, ageing and migration of the population, incentive schemes to get doctors to practice where they were most needed would be necessary.

A discussion of doctor shortage must take careful account of the substitution possibilities: for example, was it cost effective to substitute nursing time for doctor time in producing a given type of health care?

The role of doctors should be carefully designated and questions such as "who could do what?" should be answered by careful analysis of present and possible future work practices.

The strange (by European standards) organization of hospital care, with many junior doctors and few consultants, needed careful examination, as did the notion of a "sub-consultant" grade.

The paper emphasizes the inadequacy of basic statistics upon which to base reasonable forecasts of the number of doctors needed. Too little was known about the likely behaviour of important groups, such as woman doctors, whose number was rising rapidly.

Little was known about the career intentions of overseas doctors, who formed a quarter of the number employed in the NHS.

The British Medical Association agreed last night that far more data -? — needed before accurate forecasts could be made.

It was most concerned about the suggestion apparently recommending that others, such as nurses, might be used as substitutes for doctors. It was for the nation to decide how many doctors it could afford.

Doctor manpower 1975-2000: alternative forecasts and their resource implications (Alan Maynard and Arthur Walker, department of economics and Institute of Social and Economic Research, York University; Stationery Office, £1.50).

Woman tells how she was held hostage in cottage

Miss Elizabeth Golby, aged 19, told magistrates at Banbury, Oxfordshire, yesterday of her 12-hour ordeal as the hostage of a gunman. She described how she spent the time in the bedroom of her cottage, frightened and silent. She was wearing only a nightdress.

David Brain, aged 31, an unemployed labourer, faces nine charges relating to a six-day "siege" at Miss Golby's home, The Old Schoolhouse, North Aston, Oxfordshire. Reporting restrictions have been lifted.

Miss Golby said that she and Mr Richard Bowyer, her boy friend, were awakened late on July 13. While Mr Bowyer was out of the bedroom Mr Brain burst in, bringing a boy with him.

He pushed the bed against the door and ordered her to keep quiet, then snatched a shotgun standing in a corner and loaded it. He went to the window and shouted accusations about the police, she added. He took two knives from his back pocket and put them on the bed. Mr Bowyer tried to get into the room and Mr Brain told him to go away or he would cut her throat.

"He scared me, he seemed vicious and violent", she added. Once he took her to the window at gunpoint to prove to the police outside that she was still safe.

She said she asked Mr Brain to let her go but he refused unless the police would exchange her for a policewoman.

She was released about noon the next day in exchange for one of Mr Brain's friends, Mr David Pearson.

Mr Peter Spencer, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said earlier that the siege was the outcome of a domestic squabble. He alleged that Mr Brain held two people and his son of five at the cottage after events that began with a quarrel over alleged theft from meters in his matrimonial home in Bretch Hill, Banbury.

The hearing continues today.

All-graduate teaching urged in further education

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

All teachers in polytechnics and other colleges of further education should receive professional training similar to that required of teachers in primary and secondary schools, the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education says in a policy statement published yesterday.

At present only about a third of the 90,000 teachers in further education have received any professional teachers education. No minimum qualification is required to teach in a college of further education.

The association points out that a wide range of knowledge and skills is required of such teachers, including the evaluation of appropriate teaching methods and a knowledge of the different means of testing student performance, as well as the ability to prepare courses and schemes of work. Those are not intuitive skills, the association says.

If, as was being suggested, access to higher education was widened to include more mature students and those without traditional qualifications, it will be even more important for further education teachers to develop new and more varied teaching methods to stimulate and hold the students' interests.

From 1983, all new primary or secondary school teachers will have to have either a four-year teacher training degree or a three-year BA or BSc degree, plus a one-year postgraduate teacher training certificate.

The association believes there should likewise be an all-graduate entry to teaching in further and higher education based on a similar four-year pattern.

All lecturers with degrees should receive at least one year's full-time professional teacher education or its part-time equivalent, while those with two-year higher national certificates or technological certificates should receive a two-year teacher training course, it says.

The association also wants all serving teachers in further education to receive in-service training. The proposal in the Haycocks report, published last year, for the release of 5 per cent of the teaching force for in-service training is inadequate, it says.

Open University vice-chancellor retiring at 60

By Our Education Correspondent

Sir Walter Perry, who was appointed in 1968 as the first Vice-Chancellor of the Open University, announced yesterday that he will retire from office on his sixtieth birthday, June 16, 1981.

Sir Walter, who was previously Vice-Principal of Edinburgh University, said: "My job has been the most exciting one in education ed I have been very lucky to have had the opportunity of watching over the birth, childhood and adolescence of the Open University.

"It is now about time for a change in leadership. I think it will be good for the institution to have an infusion of new ideas and good for me to develop some new interests."

The Open University took its first students in 1971. It now has 65,000, most of whom are following part-time undergraduate degree courses, and produces one in every 13 graduates in Britain.

Fishing death

Mr John Silvester, aged 41, of Isaac's Hill, Cleethorpes, skipper of the Grimsby smack Beverley died when he was caught in the ship's winch as he fished in the North Sea yesterday.

Seven children on expedition injured by car

Seven children were injured, several seriously, when a sports car struck them as they walked back to school after a country expedition yesterday.

The children, aged between eight and 10, were returning in single file to Kirtlington Church of England primary school, Oxfordshire. They were walking on a grass verge when the car struck them, knocking them into a hedge and ditch.

Ambulances took the injured children to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. Americans from the US Air Force bas at Upper Heyford also gave medical help.

The children were among 20 who had been with the headmaster, Mr Frederick Ashley, to look at a garden as part of their studies.

Mr Ashley said: "I heard a screech, the car hit the bank, and ploughed into the front of the line of children."

Bulb smasher fined

John Fulchul, aged 23, a hod carrier, of Dollis Hill, London, who was said to have a degree in history, two A levels and seven O levels, was fined £50 with £15 costs at Marylebone Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday for smashing a fluorescent light bulb at Notting Hill Gate Underground station during last month's carnival.

WEST EUROPE



Carabinieri surround Signor Corrado Alunni in the dock at the trial opening.

Challenge to court opens Milan trial

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Sept 19

One of the few Italian courts working in a strike-bound judiciary today opened proceedings in Milan against Corrado Alunni, who is alleged to be a leading figure in the "Red Brigades" terrorist movement.

He was arrested on Wednesday and is charged with illegal possession of arms. Police claim that an arsenal of firearms was found in the apartment in which he was arrested.

Signor Alunni dismissed his two defending counsel and refused to cooperate with the lawyer appointed by the court. In a statement he said: "The revolution cannot be put on trial while we are witnessing the destruction of resources and the closing of factories."

The presiding judge interrupted him several times, but the accused added: "I insist on the right of proletarian groups to take up arms in the cause of communism."

It is expected that Signor Alunni will be charged later with taking part in the kidnapping and murder of Signor Aldo Moro, the former Christian Democratic Prime Minister, who fell victim to the terrorists in May.

Meanwhile, a group of friends of Signor Moro were interrogated by the investigating judge, apparently to discover whether the family and friends had had any contact with the kidnappers. The investigators also intend to question Senator Giuseppe Giovanello, a Christian Democrat, who has expressed his belief that Signor Moro was the victim of an international conspiracy.

The United States Embassy here tonight reiterated its denial of allegations appearing in the Italian and Soviet press that the Central Intelligence Agency was involved in the affair. The suggestions were said to be "as untrue as they are scurrilous".

Cardinal Wyszynski's visit highlights reconciliation with W Germany

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Sept 19

The reconciliation between Polish and West German Catholics after the atrocities of the last war reaches a climax tomorrow with the visit to West Germany of Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski, the Polish Primate.

It is the 77-year-old cardinal's first visit abroad since the war, apart from regular journeys to Rome, and the fact that he chose West Germany is of considerable significance to both sides.

Much has changed since 1965 when the Polish bishops wrote an historic letter to their German colleagues offering and asking forgiveness. But memories of the Nazi massacres of Polish civilians, the extermination of millions of Jews, mostly on Polish soil, and later the expulsion of Germans living in territories claimed by Poland are still sharp. The visit is seen here as an important psychological step in overcoming old hatreds.

The cardinal and eight other Polish prelates will be greeted by Cardinal Joseph Höffner, president of the German bishops conference today at the entranc to the cathedral in Fulda where the West German bishops are meeting.

The highlight of their six-day visit will be a memorial service on Saturday at the site of the Nazi concentration camp at Dachau outside Munich. Six Polish bishops, 2,512 priests and nearly 500 monks and nuns died in German concentration camps.

There will be services in Munich and Mainz cathedrals and Cardinal Wyszynski will preach in Cologne cathedral on Friday.

The process of reconciliation has not been entirely easy. The Polish bishops' letter enraged the Communist Government in particular; which did not agree that Poles need ask Germans for forgiveness. Cardinal Wyszynski had planned to visit West Germany some years ago but was prevented by political considerations.

Nevertheless, contacts and visits between clergy and laymen flourished and now there is scarcely a German bishop who has not visited Poland. In the meantime the movement started by the churches, Protestants as well, has been followed albeit more slowly, by more normal relations between the two Governments.

Portuguese shipping fleet paralysed by strike

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Sept 19

A strike in the Portuguese merchant fleet, the longest strike in the country's history, is still continuing after 83 days. It has paralysed the entire fleet, caused nearly £23m worth of damage to Portugal's debilitated economy, and produced shortages of essential food and fuel.

The Azores and Madeira are particularly affected, as they depend almost entirely upon Portuguese shipping for supplies.

The strike primarily concerns the question of overtime work and a 20 per cent salary increase, it involves 14 trade unions, representing 8,000 workers, and the shipowners association, representing 112 ships of which 96 per cent are owned by state-run companies.

Only 400 to 500 workers in privately owned shipping are affected.

The trouble started at the end of June when dock workers refused to do overtime. The strike spread until on July 18 Portuguese shipping in foreign ports was affected. The Government then requisitioned shipping, in spite of violent protest by the unions.

They redoubled their protests when the Portuguese authorities gave ships' captains full responsibility for discipline. The unions claimed that this was against the democratic principles of the April, 1974 revolution. On August 24 the salaries of all members of striking crews were suspended.

Negotiations so far have brought no result. Foreign shipping has been chartered to ensure essential supplies for the Azores and Madeira, but the important regular supplies of cattle for slaughter from the Azores to the mainland have been seriously affected. Portugal itself is well served by land transport through Spain.

Falangists give evidence on lawyers' murder

Madrid, Sept 19.—Señor Raimundo Fernández Cuesta, a former minister under General Franco and leading Falangist, today gave evidence to a judge investigating the murder in January last year of five Communist lawyers.

The former minister and Señor Juan García Carres, also a Falangist and former head of the official trade unions under Franco, appeared before a judge of the national high court which tries terrorist offences.

Seven rightists have been arrested in connexion with the murder of the lawyers who were machine-gunned in their office with four colleagues who were badly wounded but survived.

The judge will also hear evidence from Señor Blas Pinar, head of the extreme right-wing Fuerza Nueva, and Señor Mariano Sánchez Covisa, leader of the Warriors of Christ the King.—Reuter.

Naples relieved as saint's blood liquefies

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Sept 19

Relief today greeted the announcement in Naples that the substance said to be the blood of St Januarius, patron of the city, had liquefied as usual on the anniversary of his decapitation.

The crowds in the cathedral where the flask containing the substance is kept were also told that the stone on which the saint's head was placed after his death went a noticeable pink.

A failure to liquefy is normally regarded as a very bad omen for Napes. The relief is natural given the tension in the city where unemployment is now stated to be reaching levels dangerous to public order.

Greece and Turkey agree to continue dialogue

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Sept 19

Greece and Turkey, after two days of high level diplomatic exchanges here, agreed today to continue their dialogue on the general principles that should govern their bilateral relations. "What is important", said one Turkish official, "is to keep the ball rolling".

The secretaries-general of the two foreign ministries, Mr Sukru Elekdag, of Turkey, and Mr Vyron Theodoropoulos of Greece, had a final session today. A joint communiqué is to be issued tomorrow.

The two officials agreed to meet again in Ankara early in 1979. In the meantime experts from the two countries will meet in late November or early December to discuss the dispute on the Aegean continental shelf.

No further meeting of experts on the question of the Aegean air space control was fixed. The technical work is almost complete and, since its solution depends on political considerations, the matter will be taken up by the two secretaries-general.

The Athens talks, described as "friendly and relaxed", focused on the general concepts that should go into the political document encompassing the overall range of Greek-Turkish relations and offering security safeguards.

Mr Elekdag was received today by Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, and conveyed an oral message of goodwill from Mr Bulent Ecevit, the Turkish Prime Minister.

East German pastor burns himself to death

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Sept 19

An East German Protestant pastor committed suicide on Sunday by self-immolation in front of the altar of his church in Falkenstein.

According to the Evangelical Church of Saxony in Dresden, Pastor Rolf Günther, aged 41, poured an inflammable liquid over himself in the vestry while the congregation was singing a hymn. He then went to the altar of the Holy Cross church, poured more liquid on the carpet of the altar, raised his hands towards the cross and was enveloped in flames immediately.

Attempts to rescue him were in vain. He died in front of his congregation of 400 people. The altar and the vestry were badly damaged before the fire brigade could extinguish the flames.

A church spokesman insisted that the pastor's suicide by fire was not politically motivated. Stress and internal church tensions were the reasons for Pastor Günther's self-immolation, he suggested.

According to the spokesman he was out of step with his two colleagues at the church who favoured a different religious trend.

It was the second suicide by fire in East Germany in two years. In August, 1976, Pastor Oskar Brüsewitz died at Zeitz after setting himself on fire. His self-immolation was in protest against the state's anti-church policy in general and discrimination against Christian youth in particular.

Stockholm clash as police try to move squatters

Stockholm, Sept 19.—Mounted police today charged demonstrators protesting against an attempt to break up a year-long illegal occupation of four houses in Stockholm.

The four houses of the Mole (Mullvaden) block were condemned at an inquiry last year and scheduled for demolition. The police are allowing the squatters to leave the houses but are preventing them returning.

Surrounding streets have been cordoned off. Last night mounted police, trying to widen the cordoned-off area, charged a crowd of nearly 1,000 demonstrating in support of the squatters. Three demonstrators were hurt.

Electricity and water supplies to the houses have been cut off.—UPI.

OVERSEAS

Permission is expected soon for US visit by Rhodesian leaders

By David Cross
Washington, Sept 19

The American Administration is expected to give its permission for Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and his black colleagues on the Executive Council to visit the United States soon.

The State Department position is that it has not yet formally received visa applications from Salisbury, and that it will cross the bridge of whether to approve them in due course. But Administration and Congressional officials are confident that the Rhodesian leaders will be allowed to enter the country.

The proposed visit of Mr Smith and his colleagues is embarrassing to Washington because the Administration here still considers them to be members of an illegal regime. In the past it has turned down applications for entry visas for Chief Jeremiah Chirau, who was a member of the Rhodesian regime before the internal settlement took effect this spring.

Nevertheless, the State Department recently authorized travel documents for Bishop Abel Muzorewa to visit the United States and this is likely to have constituted a precedent for other members of the Executive Council. Moreover, it would be unlikely to refuse a request to visit the United States which was originally prompted by an invitation from the Senate here.

The invitation, which was signed by 27 senators—19 Republicans and eight Democrats—was issued last Friday. It suggested that Mr Smith and his colleagues might like to visit the United States in the near future to present their views of the situation and their country's future.

The idea, according to Congressional officials, is that the Rhodesian leaders should brief members of Congress as well as the American public through newspaper, television and radio interviews. The invitation was drawn up by Senators S. I. Hayakawa, a Republican from California, who has been one of the leaders of a conservative movement in the Senate to gain official American recognition of the internal settlement.

A member of the senator's staff said today she expected Mr Smith and his colleagues to come to Washington within the next two or three weeks, once visa applications had been approved.

Frederick Cleary writes from Salisbury: Applications for visas have been sent by the Executive Council to the United States Embassy in Pretoria because the American Government has no official representative in this country.

The Council decided yesterday to accept the offer of the 27 senators and the necessary paperwork was hurried through today. This indicates the keenness of Mr Smith in particular to get a direct personal hearing before American politicians, the news media and the public at large. He firmly believes that he can win much sympathy for the political, economic and physical war he is waging here.

There are, however, fears that the State Department may be pressured by the British Government, and particularly by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, to reject the visa applications.

Mr Brendan Treacey, the Rhodesian Attorney-General, has disclosed that there is no official policy staying the execution of people convicted for guerrilla or similar activities.

Chief Justice Hector Macdonald wrote to Mr Treacey after Mr Enoch Dumbutshena, defence counsel in an appeal by an African sentenced to death for terrorism, had said when lodging the appeal that the Executive Council had apparently stopped executing political prisoners.

The Chief Justice said in his letter that where a judge had discretion in the matter of death sentences the policy of the executive in regard to carrying out such a sentence was obviously a fact which had to be taken into account in deciding what the punishment should be. Deferment in carrying out such a sentence was itself a punishment. He asked the Attorney-General to ensure that counsel for the state was in the position to inform the court.

Mr Russell Pollard, of the attorney-general's office, told the High Court there was no policy to halt executions. The Executive Council had not considered a number of cases since March 3—the date of the formation of the interim Government—because of the pressure of work but things were now reverting to normal.

Mr Nkomo is asked to observe war conventions

Lusaka, Sept 19.—The Red Cross, which is campaingning to stop increasing brutality in the Rhodesian guerrilla war, has asked Mr Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front, to observe the Geneva War Conventions.

Officials of the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said today they were optimistic that Mr Nkomo would make a commitment to conventions governing the conduct of troops and treatment of prisoners of war.

They said that Mr Nkomo, as leader of a nationalist movement, could make a declaration of commitment under new protocols added to the 1949 conventions.

The Rhodesian Government is barred from signing the conventions because it is viewed internationally as illegal. But the Red Cross officials said that if Mr Nkomo committed himself to the war rules, this would put pressure on the Salisbury Government to do the same.

The ICRC campaign follows the killing of Red Cross officials earlier this year and Rhodesian claims that Mr Nkomo's guerrillas killed 10 people who survived the crash of an Air Rhodesia Viscount this month. Mr Nkomo said his men brought down the aircraft, but did not kill the survivors.

ICRC officials indicated their campaign was in part intended to maintain the credibility of the organization and give its officers greater security in their operations.

The organization had never before faced a situation where its delegates, who are all white, risked being identified with the combatants because of the colour of their skin, the officials said.

They said the ICRC was planning to establish information offices in black Africa's so-called frontline states—Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia—to familiarize nationalist guerrillas and others with their work.—Reuter.

Dr Castro meets Rhodesia guerrilla leader

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 19

President Fidel Castro of Cuba had a three-hour meeting with Mr Robert Mugabe, co-leader of the Rhodesian Patriotic Front before ending a week's visit to Ethiopia today.

Addis Ababa radio reported that Mr Joshua Nkomo, the other Patriotic Front leader, left Addis Ababa two days ago. Both Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe flew to Addis Ababa last week.

Dr Castro and Mr Mugabe are certain to have discussed Cuban assistance to the guerrilla war in Rhodesia, but no details were revealed in the official announcement.

Dr Castro flew today to Tripoli. He had visited Ethiopia as the principal guest at celebrations marking the fourth anniversary of the Ethiopian revolution.

He held lengthy discussions with Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian military leader, after returning to the capital yesterday from a visit to the Ogaden region, where Cuban troops helped Ethiopian forces to drive out Somali forces six months ago.

Addis Ababa radio said Dr Castro and Colonel Mengistu discussed the strengthening of the existing military and other ties between the two countries. Diplomatic sources stated that there were no plans to withdraw the estimated 13,000 Cuban troops now in Ethiopia.

New contempt charge against US journalist

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Sept 19

Fresh proceedings for contempt of court were begun today against Mr Myron Farber, a reporter for The New York Times, when he again refused to hand over his notes of an investigation into a murder case.

Mr Farber has already spent 27 days in prison on an earlier conviction for contempt, from which he was freed by the New Jersey Supreme Court, pending an appeal.

Mr Farber's articles suggested that Dr Mario Jascalevich had killed patients at a New Jersey hospital using improper doses of the drug curare. At Dr Jascalevich's trial yesterday, he refused to hand over his notes to the court or to divulge his sources to the defence lawyer.

He claims protection from New Jersey "shield" laws

Nicosia prison siege ends in surrender to police

Nicosia, Sept 19.—Nine armed prisoners and a woman holding hostages in the central prison here since an abortive escape attempt on Saturday have surrendered to police, the Government announced today. They surrendered their arms and freed seven hostages—four prison guards and three policemen.

The original six prisoners who tried to escape were all closely connected with the extreme right-wing Eoka B organization, and they were later joined by three other prisoners.

The prisoners and their hostages had been without food since the escape attempt and the Government today ordered water supplies to the cell block to be cut off. President Kyprianou said yesterday that he would not bow to the prisoners' demand to leave the island.

Police said one of the guns possessed by the prisoners was smuggled into the jail on Saturday by the fiancée of a group's leader, Vassos Pavlides. According to prison sources she is pregnant and took the gun into the prison beneath her maternity smock during visiting hours.

After the hostages were released, there were emotional scenes as their families greeted them. Then the men and the families were taken to see President Kyprianou, who had said earlier that he had no intention of "being blackmailed by the terrorists in the prison".—Reuter.

Johnnie Ray ill

Sydney, Sept 19.—Johnnie Ray, the American singer, who arrived last month for a six-week club season, has returned home to Los Angeles seriously ill, his Australian agent said. He is 51.

'Nowcasts' will take over from forecasts

From Michael Leapman
New York, Sept 19

Weather forecasting is on the verge of the more competitive age of American television. The stations vie with each other to delight viewers with the most up-to-date electronic gadgets, the most lavish visual symbols and the most winsome announcers.

Yet no amount of dazzling presentation can disguise the fact that the forecasts are often the same and, worse, they are too often wrong.

A British scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at Boulder, Colorado, is working to perfect a system which within the next decade, could accurately predict local weather over a period of several hours.

Dr C. Gordon Little, director of the wave propagation laboratory at the NOAA (pronounced Noah), is leading research into the new forecasting technique. Born in China of British parents, he studied at Manchester University and worked for a time at the World Bank.

The people at Boulder call the new forecasts "nowcasts". By plotting in detail how the weather is behaving in the immediate vicinity of a given point, they will provide constantly updated forecasts for that point, which could be relayed to residents on a television channel devoted solely to weather.

At present, forecasts originate from balloons released into the atmosphere twice a day from a hundred centres in the United States. While these can provide an adequate view of the weather on a national scale they are unable to keep track of localized phenomena such as tornadoes and thunderstorms which are often of only short duration.

To provide better local forecasting using that system would mean a great increase in the number of balloons and in the frequency of launching; the cost would be prohibitive.

Dr Little and his team are developing remote sensing devices, using radar techniques which can be placed on the ground to measure factors such as wind and humidity in a radius of several miles. If operating round the clock they could give far more accurate readings than balloons launched only twice a day.

"Using the nowcasts", Dr Little says, "a forecaster will be able to say: 'There is a storm. It will be with you in a few hours'." Such a forecast would be of great value to farmers, organizers of sporting events, and to anyone wanting to make firm plans for outdoor activities a few hours ahead.

The NOAA's neighbour in Boulder is the National Center for Atmospheric Research where they work at a loftier level than that of down-to-earth local forecasting. They look at long-term climatic patterns and ask not simply what the weather is going to be, but why it is going to be what it is and what we can do about it.

Here, too, an Englishman, Dr Francis Bretherton, plays a leading role, indicating that our legendary preoccupation with the weather pays solid dividends. Mr Brether is director of the centre and takes a realistic—some would say a pessimistic—view of the possibilities of getting to grips with the climate.

He says bluntly: "We will never be able to predict reliably the day-to-day weather several months ahead . . . but much of the year-to-year climate variability is even in principle predictable is still uncertain."

Scientists at both centres are working not only at predicting the weather but at seeing how man can alter it, both deliberately and inadvertently.

The NOAA is conducting experiments in seeding clouds to increase rainfall, and in using the same techniques to reduce wind speeds—and thus the destructive capability—of hurricanes.

As for inadvertent change, it is known that carbon dioxide pollution has harmful effects at least in the short term. And Mr Bretherton is particularly worried about the increase in nitrogen in the air caused by large-scale use of fertilizers.

There is one piece of good news, though, even on the ozone front. Some scientists created a small panic a few years back over the ozone layer, which filters out the harmful rays of the sun. They said that aircraft such as Concorde, flying supersonically, could damage the layer, exposing us all to skin cancer and worse. It is now agreed that there is no real danger of that happening.

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ERSEAS

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ony Allaway
, Sept 19
diggers toiled to bury in the earthquake-town of Tabas, eastern day as the official Pars ency said the death toll rea had reached 16,000.
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spondents at Tabas said nd of non-stop weeping sided. In its place, one a sad silence is settling e tent village outside Tabas where homeless survivors are being sheltered".

About 11,000 people are feared to have died in Tabas alone out of a total population of between 12,000 and 13,000. More than 3,000 deaths are reported in the village of Korit, about 14 miles south of Tabas, and another 2,000 in Dehak, a village further to the south.

The Pars agency said another 38 villages were almost totally destroyed in the earthquake. Casualty figures from these are not available yet.

Some 635 critically injured cases had been flown to Teheran by tonight and taken to military and government hospitals.

Empress Farah, the wife of the Shah, who paid a highly emotional visit to the area yesterday, is expected to return tomorrow to check that orders she gave regarding emergency work have been carried out.

In Teheran several bank accounts were opened for cash donations from the public and many charity organizations were receiving clothes, food and cooking utensils.

The religious leader Ayatollah Shariat Madari sent an appeal to Muslims throughout the world to send assistance for those who faced the task of rebuilding their homes.

Teheran, Sept 19.—The Shah today made his first public appearance since martial law was imposed in the country 11 days ago. He opened the annual Teheran international trade fair, at which 40 countries are displaying their industrial products.

Martial law authorities have released Dr Mehdi Bazargan, the most prominent of an inknown number of opposition figures arrested since martial law was imposed. his associates said today. Reuter.

r Vorster urged to ay on in office

Nicholas Ashford
e-burg, Sept 19
Vorster, the Prime r, is to make an ament tomorrow on his and on the South African ment's decision concerne United Nations pro-on Namibia (South-West

e two issues, both of have profound implica-r South Africa's future, discussed at a lengthy of the Cabinet in Pre-oday. It was the first session which Mr had presided over since admitted to hospital in own three weeks ago. ooked surprisingly fit, little tired, when he at today's meeting. lly he appeared to be in ter shape than when he d from hospital a week ad this has led to in-l speculation that he may le in office for the time

ificantly, all the main vernment Afrikaans news-today carried editorials him to stay on as Prime er if he could possibly *Die Burger*, which is ly closest to Mr Vorster South African news-, expressed the "serious desire of all South Africans that he should continue his great task."

For his part Mr Vorster was, as usual, giving nothing away. Asked before he entered today's Cabinet session whether he intended announcing his retirement he said: "I have nothing to say".

The main reason why the ruling National Party is so anxious Mr Vorster should remain in power a while longer is Namibia. Whatever decision the Cabinet takes on this issue it will require all the skill of an experienced leader like Mr Vorster to navigate the troubled waters that lie ahead.

If the Cabinet decides against the United Nations plan and gives Namibia independence unilaterally, then South Africa could soon find itself facing sanctions. On the other hand, acceptance could create problems within the party unless South Africa has won some of the concessions which it has been demanding.

The latest indications are that the Western powers have not been able to provide wholly satisfactory answers to the points in the United Nations plan about which South Africa had been demanding "clarification."

Castro denies knowing Kennedy murder plan

Our Own Correspondent
igton, Sept 19
idel Castro, has told a States congressional tee that any suggestion uban connexion with the nation of President Ken-5 years ago was "a lie eginning to end".
recorded excerpts from ng interviews given by uban President to con-nal investigators earlier ar were played in front ay's hearing of the assas-ns committee of the of Representatives here. uality of the recordings t good but the committee e foresight to make texts le to its members and ess.
d about alleged remarks e had advance know-of the killing, Dr Castro hat such an idea was . "I did not say that, it was invented", he maintained. He was referring to an alleged interview with a British freelance journalist who had quoted him as saying that he could have saved President Kennedy but he never believed the plan to kill him

If the allegation had been true, Dr Castro added, it would have been his "moral duty" to inform the United States authorities. Cuban complicity in the killing of an American president would have been a "provocation".

Today's testimony concluded the committee's investigation of theories that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of the late President, had acted under orders from Havana.

A number of Cuban diplomats who testified before the committee yesterday maintained that they had refused to issue Oswald with a visa.

Knesset vote is key to success of summit

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Sept 19

Everything decided at the Camp David summit meeting is dependent on whether the Israeli Knesset agrees to the dismantling of the Jewish settlements in the Sinai peninsula. This was stated plainly here today by Mr Moshe Dayan, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Mr Ezer Weizman, the Defence Minister, when they arrived back from Washington.

The Knesset is expected to vote in favour of this action but it has become clear that the even more delicate issue of the existing Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank remains outstanding and a serious threat to the prospects of peace.

There are about 50 such settlements and a Government spokesman said the question of these communities had not been brought up at Camp David but was likely to be discussed in subsequent negotiations.

Highlighting the emotive belief of many Jews in what they regard as their inalienable right to settle in the whole of the biblical land of Israel, 20 families, totalling 60 people, established themselves last night on top of Jebel Ras, one of the tallest mountains on the West Bank, 12 miles east of Nablus.

The police described the settlers' action as illegal and said they would not be permitted to stay. But the activists, who included a right-wing Knesset member, Mrs Guela Cohen, said they had no intention of being moved out easily.

The Cabinet decided, at a special session, to order the removal of the activists. In a statement it said that it repudiated every settlement set up without its approval, and any further attempt at settlement without government permission would be prevented.

Meanwhile, there were several signs of Arab opposition to the Camp David accords. Handwritten pamphlets in the name of Al Fatah, the Palestinian guerrilla movement, were distributed in Nablus saying the "struggle for liberation" would continue and there were several minor attacks on Israeli vehicles.

In the West Bank town of Jenin extremist slogans painted on walls said the recovery of the Israeli towns of Jaffa and Ahifa should take precedence over the return of Nablus and Jenin.

Several Arabic newspapers supporting the Palestine Liberation Organization appeared without leading articles which the editors said had been censored by the Israeli authorities. One newspaper, *El Quds*, called on Egypt not to sign a peace treaty before the return of Jerusalem to Arab rule was guaranteed.

At Ben Gurion airport Mr Weizman made it quite clear that everything depended on abandoning the settlements established in Sinai. Having fought in Sinai for 30 years it would not be easy, he said. "We put roots in the soil of Sinai, but the question is: do we have to uproot certain things to plant new things?; and the answer is: 'Yes'."

Mr Dayan explained that if, as he hoped, the Knesset endorsed the idea the evacuation of the peninsula would be divided into two parts. The first stage involved western Sinai where there were military installations and oil complexes but no civilian settlements. The evacuation of the eastern sector, where the civilian settlements were situated would occur a year later.

The Foreign Minister expressed the hope that Jordan would join in the next round of negotiations but said that the Egyptians had said they would continue negotiating even if King Husain decided against participating. What was particularly important, he said, was that representatives of the Palestinian Arabs living in the occupied territory should participate.

"I am very hopeful they will and I have a basis for that", Mr Dayan said. As the implications of the Camp David agreements were being analysed today the impression gained ground that there should be a comfortable majority in the Knesset in favour of dismantling the Jewish settlements in Sinai. Although it may be an agonizing decision for many of the parliamentarians the doves in all parties are expected to outnumber the hawks.

The opposition Labour Party decided last night that it will support the Camp David peace accord if its constituent parts are presented in the Knesset as a package.

At Yamit, the largest of the Sinai settlements, 500 residents gathered last night to discuss their fate. They passed a resolution saying they fervently desired peace, "but real peace could not be based on dismantling settlements and uprooting lives".

The proposed return of the Sinai settlements was "an anti-zionist act which went against the history of the Jewish state". Although clearly shocked and disturbed by the decision reached at Camp David, residents made it clear to reporters that they would abide by the Knesset vote. One man said they should concentrate on obtaining suitable compensation.

The 60 activists who established themselves on top of Jebel Ras took a prefabricated hut, three tents, provisions, barbed wire and a flagpole. The head of the Army's central command flew over them in a helicopter but no immediate action was taken today.

It is thought that only two Cabinet Ministers may vote against the dismantling of the Sinai settlements.

Israeli analysts see five distinct changes in Israel's policy following the Camp David negotiations.

It has agreed to define the first five years of West Bank autonomy as a transitional period; it has accepted the terminology "the legitimate rights of the Palestinians"; and it has agreed that it will not be the sole overseer of public order in the West Bank.

It has agreed that Palestinians living outside the area may participate in the establishment of an administrative council, for the autonomous area; and it has agreed to evacuate military forces from the West Bank.

Telephone links between Israel and Egypt were reconnected today.



Mr Dayan, left, Mr Yadin, the deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Weizman, speaking to reporters at Ben Gurion airport

EEC gives unreserved welcome to accords reached at Camp David

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Sept 19

The EEC today gave an unreserved welcome to the Camp David agreements on the Middle East, congratulating President Carter for the "great courage" he had shown in convening the summit meeting and expressing appreciation for the "great efforts" made by President Sadat of Egypt and Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

In a statement after a meeting of EEC foreign ministers here today, the Nine said they hoped Camp David would be "a further major step on the path to a just, comprehensive and lasting peace

In discussions preceding the issue of the statement, Dr David Owen, the British Foreign Secretary, and his EEC colleagues agreed that they should individually use such diplomatic influence as they had to persuade those Arab governments hostile to the Camp David agreements to change their minds.

Britain is considered to have most influence with Jordan and Saudi Arabia, while France has long-standing links with Syria and Lebanon.

There appeared to be no significant differences among the Nine in their assessment of the Camp David outcome. Many of the foreign ministers were reported to have been surprised at the detail of the agreements. It was also felt by some that President Sadat had won much more significant concessions from Mr Begin than had generally been recognized.

President Carter invited to visit Egypt and Israel

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Mr Carter's hopes of recovering his lost popularity are based upon his expectation of bringing off a number of successes, of which the Camp David summit is by far the most spectacular.

Others include an energy Bill of sorts, which will be proclaimed a respectable achievement, the passage of a Bill reforming the civil service, the successful veto of an arms spending Bill and, it is hoped, a tax cut.

Sceptics suggest that Mr Carter has sunk so low in the public esteem that nothing can save him from defeat in 1980, but the great majority of observers give him a good chance of recovering, at least enough to guarantee himself the Democratic nomination.

One of the first to congratulate him was Senator Edward Kennedy, who says that he expects Mr Carter to be the Democratic candidate in the next presidential election, but who everyone believes is considering the possibility of running against the President.

The way the summit ended was guaranteed to give Mr Carter the greatest favourable publicity possible. The ceremony in the White House was broadcast at 10.30 pm in the east, 7.30 pm in California, and interrupted shows being watched by 100 million people.

Unkind journalists suggested that this was not a coincidence, but the available evidence suggests that the summit indeed finished late on Sunday afternoon and that 10.30 pm was the earliest that the announcements of its success could be made.

The three statesmen are now tidying up the loose ends of their agreement. Mr Sadat and Mr Begin both went to Capitol Hill this morning to see congressional leaders of both sides. They were received enthusiastically and neither will have any trouble getting American aid for their future economic development.

Mr Begin told members of the House of Representatives that both he and President Sadat had invited Mr Carter to make an official visit to their countries. He also said that the two Presidents agreed with him that Israeli forces would be stationed on the West Bank after the five-year transitional period.

For his part, President Sadat repeated that solving the Palestinian problem was a matter of honour for Egypt, but implied that the final decisions must be taken by the Palestinians. Egypt has set up what it believes to be a reasonable framework for future negotiations, and Mr Sadat clearly thinks that so long as Israel keeps its side of the bargain nothing more can reasonably be asked of him.

Washington, Sept 19.—Mr Begin told Congress that Israel has no intention of giving up its claim to sovereignty or its right to station troops in disputed areas of the West Bank and the Gaza strip.

He told leaders of the House of Representatives in a breakfast meeting that they should not misinterpret the Camp David accords to mean that Israel has committed itself to restoring Arab sovereignty to those lands, which it captured in the 1967 war. —AP.

Mr Sadat gets full support from his Cabinet

Cairo, Sept 19.—The Egyptian Cabinet today expressed full support for President Sadat and described his agreement with Israel at Camp David as Egypt's "most marvellous victory in its contemporary history".

A Cabinet statement said the accord had given an opportunity to all Arab confrontation states to regain land occupied by the Israelis. By providing that opportunity, the agreement had supplied the elements and framework of an overall solution of the Middle East conflict.

Mr Mamdouh Salem, the Prime Minister, said later that outcome of the summit heralded an era of cooperation and coexistence between Arabs and Jews.

Mr Salem sent President Sadat a message congratulating him on his "great and glorious achievement".

But he emphasized that work still had to be done on the Palestinian issue and on the future of Arab Jerusalem.—Reuter.

Sandinista revolt said to be 'crushed'

Managua, Sept 19.—The Nicaraguan Government said today the National Guard had brought the armed Sandinista insurrection against President Anastasio Somoza under control throughout the country.

In León, the country's second largest city, Red Cross officials said between 360 and 380 people had been killed during fierce left up to 3,000 people wounded.

An American television crew said on the basis of eyewitness accounts that National Guards had perpetrated mass killings of refugees in that city.

In Managua, where fighting raged throughout last night in several sectors of the city, many shops reopened after a three-week strike aimed at bringing down President Somoza.

National Guard spokesmen said the Government now controlled the cities of León and Masaya, as well as the southern border, with Sandista guerrillas controlling only the area around the town of Esteli, 90 miles north of here.

In an interview with a Cuban-exile radio station in Miami, President Somoza said: "The (Sandinista) movement has been crushed. Small pockets which still resist the constitutional authority will also be crushed."

Meanwhile, Costa Rica announced it had accepted an offer of military equipment and medical supplies from Colombia the fourth country to be drawn into the Nicaraguan conflict. Venezuela and Panama have already sent aircraft to Costa Rica.

Washington: The United States appealed to for the second time in four days for a ceasefire and mediation to end the fighting in Nicaragua.

"The United States continues to be deeply disturbed by the widespread loss of life, suffering and violence in Nicaragua", a State Department spokesman said. — Agence France-Presse and UPI.

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Honours for journalists

Toronto, Sept 19.—Mr Derek Ingram, head of the Gemini News Service of London, was last night presented with the Commonwealth Press Union's award for outstanding journalism for 1978.

Lord Barnetson, chairman of Reuters, United Newspapers, and the London *Observer*, was awarded life membership of the Union, of which he was formerly Council chairman.—Reuter.

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OVERSEAS

800 Vietnam refugees swarm on board disabled cargo ship

From Peter Hazelhurst
Singapore, Sept 19

About 800 Vietnamese refugees abandoned their flimsy craft in the Gulf of Thailand earlier this week and clambered into a coastal vessel which had been stranded in the region with engine trouble, Western diplomats said today.

The vessel, the Southern Cross, attempted to sail into Malaysian waters after its engines were repaired yesterday but the captain was told that the refugees cannot land on Malaysian soil. The ship, which sails under the flag of The Honduras, was reported to be lying off the south-eastern coast of Malaysia today.

The Malaysian Government, which has already accepted 18,600 Vietnamese refugees so far this year, might provide the 800 stranded Vietnamese with temporary shelter if a third country provides guarantees for their future, officials in the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said tonight.

Diplomats here were also informed that Singapore will also refuse to accept the Vietnamese. They said it was still not known whether the 800 refugees forced their way on to the vessel.

In the past, refugees who sailed into Thailand and Malaysia in flimsy waterlogged craft have claimed that merchant vessels have refused to pick them up. In many cases ships which have rescued refugees from the high seas have been refused entry into their next port of call.

I understand that the Southern Cross first put into Tengah Island, a major refugee centre, off the south-east coast of Malaysia early this week. But the captain was ordered to leave Malaysia's territorial waters.

Attempts are being made to persuade a third country to accept the refugees, a spokesman for the UNHCR said in Kuala Lumpur tonight.

"We do not know where the ship will sail if the refugees are not allowed to land in Malaysia. Three people have so far been allowed to land for medical treatment and the ship has been replenished with food and water", he added.

Officials from the UNHCR believe that only 50 per cent of Vietnamese who attempt to escape by boat, find their way into safe ports. The remainder either die at sea or are killed by pirates who operate off the Thai coastline.

At present 114,000 Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian refugees are stranded in camps in Thailand and Malaysia. Their plight has improved marginally in recent months after the United States promised to accept responsibility in future for all refugees who are picked up by American vessels.

Vietnamese 'regret': Mr Pham Van Dong, the Vietnamese Prime Minister, called refugees mercenaries today but said that some day they might see the light and be able to return home. The premier told a news conference that he "regretted" the continued flow of Vietnamese refugees to nations nearby which "has created difficulties". He indicated however that he had little sympathy for them.

"These people were employed as mercenaries in the United States Army or the Saigon army or the Saigon administration. Generally speaking, they lived on this, selling themselves to foreigners", he added.

President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines has accepted an invitation to visit Hanoi, which was extended by Mr Van Dong towards the end of his visit to Manila.—UPI, Reuter.

Destination Manila: A British bulk carrier, Anco Sceptre, has picked up 185 hungry Vietnamese refugees from a boat in the South China Sea and taken them to Manila. The tanker stopped 200 miles from the Vietnamese coast to give the refugees food and water but eventually took them all on board.

The vessel, owned by Tate & Lyle, was bound for Manila

The master, Captain Anthony Froggatt, of Totnes, Devon, asked Panocean-Anco, the management company, to "smooth out' formalities in Manila. "We were somewhat startled by the cable and the master's action", Captain William Marshall, the company spokesman said. "But we agreed with what he had done."

China attacks Vietnam 'war of aggression'

Peking, Sept 19.—China accused Vietnam today of launching a war of aggression against Cambodia and stationing troops in Laos in an attempt to control the whole of Indo-China.

Mr Chung Hsi-tung, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, also accused Moscow of seeking global domination and wanted Vietnam to play the role of a Soviet outpost in South-East Asia.

Mr Chung made his attack on Vietnam and the Soviet Union at the seventh session of Sino-Vietnamese talks in Hanoi. The New China news agency quoted him as saying Vietnam had launched a war of aggression against Cambodia "in a plot to subvert its revolutionary regime and stationed massive numbers of troops in some country in an attempt to control the whole of Indo-China and then go on to expand to South-East Asia".

Floods threat eases in West Bengal

From Our Correspondent
Calcutta, Sept 19

The flood situation in West Bengal has improved during the past 48 hours. The level of the Ganges is falling in the Malda and Murshidabad districts and the Farakka barrage is considered safe.

The main road links have been restored in all areas

Relief work is being expanded. Apart from food and medicine, large quantities of tarpaulin have been sent to make tents for the homeless people. About 1,500,000 people have been inoculated against cholera.

Crocodile hunt

Darwin, Sept 19.—Hunters are searching for an 18ft crocodile said to have attacked and sunk two fishing boats, devouring the petrol tank of one of them.

SPORT

Football





Mills (left), selected as the man in possession and Latchford, for an orthodox position.

Danes present a useful challenge

From Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
Copenhagen, Sept 19

Denmark may well be one of those teams that England should beat but, in recent years, have found difficult to overcome. So tomorrow's European championship match here (7.0) presents a useful challenge as well as the first really competitive hurdle since last winter. Ron Greenwood, the manager, prefers to see it as the continuation of his plans rather than a special occasion and he has chosen a team to suit his policy of continuity within a settled group of players.

There will be only two changes from the side that beat Hungary 4—1 at Wembley last May. Clemence replaces Shilton in goal and Latchford takes an orthodox centre-forward position because Trevor Francis is injured; thus the pattern of the attack is slightly altered. Any temptation to bring back Cherry now that he is fit, is resisted even though it could be argued that the Leeds defender might have been ideally qualified to mark Simonsen, the Danish winger, who is one of the outstanding players in the world today.

Cherry has controlled some of the best wingers in international football, but Mills has also been reliable for England, and is preferred. Mr Greenwood said today that as far as he was concerned "possession is nine-tenths of the law". Mills was the man in possession. The same argument is put forward for the inclusion of Wilkins in midfield, despite his unhappy recent club form culminating in his being withdrawn during Chelsea's match against Manchester City last Saturday. Brooking remains with Wilkins, despite recent illness and an injury.

A lot will be expected of Keegan, both by England and the local crowd who regularly see him on television playing in Germany against some of the Danish players who have also emigrated to that country. However, it should be England's teamwork, much improved by familiarity, that is crucial to the outcome. Conversely, the Danes are a collection of talents brought back from foreign bases.

Much as Mr Greenwood attempts to avoid any thoughts of this being an especially important match in England's recuperation it will undoubtedly be interpreted as such. Denmark are exactly the type of opponents England have struggled against for so long. They have several skilful players, notably, of course, Simonsen, who was the European Footballer of the Year in 1977 and plays for Borussia Mönchen Gladbach in Germany. Simonsen scored a fine goal, the Germen's only one, against Liverpool in the European Cup final in Rome, and so will be watched with special caution by Hughes and Neal. He can play on either wing and will probably move from one to the other in the course of the game, although his mobility could be slightly restricted by a nagging leg injury. In addition to Simonsen there are 11 other foreign based players in the Danish party.

Denmark recently beat the World Cup qualifiers, Sweden, 2—1 in a "friendly" game here and their performance was said to be their most "inspired" for many years. A victory over England would be a timely boost to football in Denmark where professionalism has only just taken a footing. The intention is to make their domestic game more attractive to the best players who now move to surrounding countries where the rewards are much greater. For the time being, the "professionals" here are only part-time hence the large number of foreign based players still in the International team.

England should win by a margin of two or three goals against a country to whom they have never lost, but to expect more than that would be to under-estimate the undoubted skills of the Danes who drew 3—3 with the Republic of Ireland here in the same European championship group last May. There will be no lack of individuality in their play but England's increasing confidence and team understanding should be decisive.

Mr Greenwood said today that after watching the World Cup in Argentina he was convinced that English footballers were not given credit for their ability. It was his intention to show that the grass was not necessarily greener on the other side. Tomorrow the Danes will certainly not under-estimate England, for whom they have great respect. They will probably attempt to keep tight control over Keegan, although in his present form, that may well be impossible.

Denmark may be troubled by England's use of two wingers, Coppell and Barnes, but that is not to say their own forwards are not capable of quick, accurate attacks. In all it should be a revealing and entertaining match.

ENGLAND: R. Clemence (Liverpool); P. Neal (Liverpool), E. Hughes (Liverpool), D. Watson (Manchester City); M. Mills (Ipswich Town), R. Wilkins (Chelsea), K. Keegan (SV Hamburg), T. Brooking (West Ham United), S. Coppell (Manchester United), R. Latchford (Everton), P. Barnes (Manchester City).
DENMARK: B. Jensen (Bruges), F. Nielsen (OB), M. Jensen (Frederikshavn), P. Rontved (Werder Bremen), S. Lund (Fortuna Düsseldorf), C. Nielsen (Borussia Mönchen Gladbach), C. Nielsen (BMG), F. Arnesen (Ajax), A. Simonsen (Borussia Mönchen Gladbach), B. Nielsen (Anderlecht), J. Kristenson (Naestved).

Needless frenzy in England victory

From Norman Fox
Copenhagen, Sept 19

Denmark U-21 1 England U-21 2

England's rebuilt young team set a bad example to their senior colleagues who play Denmark in the European championships tomorrow when, at a small suburban stadium and before a few thousand spectators, they tried to win a Uefa under-21 competition match with power alone. Their strength was clearly superior, but it seemed a pity that it was used so much in preference to the organization and ability one expects from football league players when faced with inexperience.

There were a few successes, notably Williams, of Southampton, and the excellent Crystal Palace left back, Samsom, but in the main pace was an unrelenting master. For a short period before half-time, after England gave away a penalty, there was also anxiety that was not expected. Two goals in two minutes put the record to rights immediately afterwards, but did not convince many people that England were completely in control.

With more haste than judgment England immediately took their much less experienced opponents seriously, and the Danes were pressed back into their own half, in which they had to dwell for much of the game. England's left side was especially powerful, with Sansom's speed out of defence at first linking up with Rix in a promising way, but there was altogether too much ill-directed speed.

Owen's drive in midfield was impressive, but tended to add to the feeling of unnecessary frenzy. It took some time for the more thoughtful work of Hoddle and Williams to take effect, but they were somewhat muted throughout because there were no wingers to seek on and spread the attacks.

The apparently fragile Danes stood up well to England's power play, but rarely penetrated the English defence. Hazell, the big central defender, regularly went forward. He had just returned from one excursion when Andersen pushed a pass ahead of him for Gerggren to chase. Hazell caught Berggren inside the penalty area, and tackled him clumsily, although not with anything much worse than hurried enthusiasm. Perhaps recalling that he had not shown generosity towards the Danes in the first minute, the referee awarded a penalty in the last of the first half. From this Sorensen scored a goal that may not have come by any other means.

Having been shaken by the possibility of defeat by a team of part-time professionals, England spent the first two minutes of the second half working on ways of moving the ball down the wing more effectively and providing accurate centres. Throughout the match the big Danish sweeper, Sorensen, confidently dealt with a flow of high balls into the middle, but England avoided him twice as the second half began.

Hoddle equalized after Wright attacked along the right side and drove a long centre towards Hoddle, who had to turn in the air to glance the ball in off the far post. Within two minutes England were ahead with another well-taken goal. It was begun by Owen, who offered Williams a good, inviting pass. Williams made ground, crossed and Hazell strode through the penalty area to push in the winning goal. Williams and Sansom maintained their high standard in the remainder of the game, but few others improved their reputations.

DENMARK: A. Nielsen; T. Olsyck, K. Sorensen, J. Petersen, O. Madsen, K. Ziegler, P. Ostergaard, M. Schafer, P. Andersen (sub, M. Birkedal), J. Eriksen (sub, P. Garly), K. Berggren.
ENGLAND: P. Parkes (Queen's Park Rangers); W. Wright (Everton), K. Sansom (Crystal Palace), S. Williams (Southampton), R. Hazell (Wolverhampton Wanderers), P. Futcher (Manchester City), G. Owen (Manchester City), K. Reeves (Norwich City), C. Regis (West Bromwich Albion), G. Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), G. Rix (Arsenal).
Referee: M. Laakso (Finland).

Tarantini agrees to join Birmingham

The Argentine World Cup player, Alberto Tarantini, has agreed to join Birmingham City for £250,000. But the transfer deal will not be completed until his work permit comes through. The 22-year-old full back, whose contract with Boca Juniors has expired, agreed to join the struggling first division club after training with the Birmingham players yesterday morning and talks with the manager Jim Smith

Mr Smith said afterwards that a substantial sum was involved in the deal but would not give any details as he said the terms were private. "The work permit situation has got to be sorted out because it has to be cleared by the Department of Employment and particularly by the PFA."

Mr Smith added that he did not expect any problem particularly with Tottenham, Sheffield United and Southampton already using foreign players. Tarantini said his wife was in Barcelona with their young child but he was hoping to bring her over as soon as possible. Meanwhile he would continue training with Birmingham and he said he was delighted with the move. Mr Smith said he h been impressed with Tarantini the World Cup and he was defender who could play o where. Tarantini, free to neg are with his own transfer, ate his own transfer, has be capped 58 times for Argentina.

Mr Smith has been anxious strengthen his pool. He open negotiations with Tarantini af failing to sign Dirceu, of Bra Mr Smith sees his new signi as the player to stop the rate goals that have been scored agai Birmingham this season. Th defence has conceded 19 goals seven league and cup games.

The previous highest fee by Birmingham for a player the £180,000 splashed out on K dall of Everton in 1974. Tar tini had also been linked w Barcelona, but this deal is thou to have fallen through because Spanish football authorities about to impose a limit on number of foreign players allow

West Bromwich Albion's wing Willie Johnston, can leave Hawthorns—and this is certain excite interest from his old cl Rangers.

Standing on emotional pinnacle of its own

By John Hennessy

Most of Ireland will be on a tiptoe of excitement today, not, happily, for political reasons, but because the North and the South face each other for the first time in history on the football field. It is an occasion, according to one commentator, "of total unreality, more like a dream". The Lansdowne Road rugby ground, accommodating 57,000, is being used for the encounter and it will be bristling at the seams in spite of live television coverage. An English intruder needs to beware, but perhaps an Irish name may afford sufficient protection.

The Irish Football Association (IFA) has been in existence in Belfast for 98 years, the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) in Dublin for 54. But in effect they have been separate entities only since 1950. Until then the Belfast body chose teams from the whole of Ireland.

The first breakaway was in 1921 when a number of individual clubs withdrew from the IFA. Four years later the FAI was established, but for many years the IFA continued to dominate the scene, until, as we have seen, the complete break was made 28 years ago. In all that time the "political climate has never been right for us to play each other", one official told me.

However the little balls used by the European Football Union (UEFA) for deciding the draw for their championship were blissfully unaware of political consequences as they threw together not only the two Irelands but also, for good measure, England. There was a possibility that UEFA would intervene but in the end they allowed matters to take their course.

Thus a little piece of football history, to say nothing of Irish history, is to be made today (kick-off 3 o'clock). Sundry smaller embarrassments had to be overcome. What to do, for instance, about shirts, since both teams use green? The suggestion by Danny Blanchflower, manager of the North, "that we'll wear green and white stripes and they'll wear white and green stripes", was thought to be impracticable.

In the event the South will change to white today and the North will do likewise in Belfast next year when the return match is held. As for national anthems, so often a cause of acute anguish nowadays that they might be best discarded altogether, compromise reached is that anthem will be used at event, the Republican in Du and "God Save the Queen" Belfast.

Although any match England ("the team every wants to beat") is historically highlight of any Irish foot occasion, today's encounter stand on an emotional pinnacle its own. William Drennan, of IFA, predicts that there will "marvellous atmosphere compounded of healthy compe tion and a fraternal affection fellow Irishmen on the other s of the border. One gets impression that it will be all a tracksuited love affair.

England are concerned merely as challengers in the c petition but also as the prov of most of the players. North Ireland will field an entirely F ball League side, founded on experienced Arsenal defens triangle of Jennings, Rice Nelson. The South may includ couple of Shamrock Rov players in Giles, the mana whom we shall always associ with Leeds United, and Synno defender.

All told, Arsenal will pro five players, with Brady in mi field for the South (there is dogged, I gather, by McCreery Manchester United) and Staple up front. Arsenal's contribut would certainly have been six, O'Leary been fit to take his pla in the centre of the defen Manchester United will probably supply five players.

With the recovery of Hunter, Ipswich, Blanchflower is able field the team he wants. Giles less lucky. Apart from O'Lear who has been replaced by Synn Mulligan has also failed a fitne test and his place at right ha goes to Grealish of Orient. Gil has also dropped Givens, one of Queen's Park Rangers, in favo of McGee, presently of Queen Park Rangers, in attack.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: M. Kee (Walsall); A. Grealish (Orient), Synnott (Shamrock Rovers), M. Lawr son (Brighton), J. Holmes (Tottenh Hotspur), J. Giles (Shamrock Rover G. Daly (Derby County), L. Br (Arsenal), F. Stapleton (Arsenal), McGee (Queen's Park Rangers), Heighway (Liverpool).
NORTHERN IRELAND (probable P. Jennings (Arsenal), P. F (Arsenal), A. Hunter (Ipswich Tow C. Nicholl (Southampton), S. Nic (Arsenal), J. Nicholl (Manche United), S. McIlroy (Manche United), D. McCreery (Manche United), M. O'Neill (Nottingh Forest), D. Seeles (Blackpool), Armstrong (Tottenham Hotspur).

Today's fixtures

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Denmark v England (Copenhagen, 7.0); Republic of Ireland v Northern Ireland (Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 3.0); Austria v Scotland (Vienna, 7.0).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE (7.30): Bangor City v Macclesfield; Scarborough v Gainsborough; Workop v Matlock.
RUGBY UNION: Bath v Chelten (7.15); Cardiff v Penarth (7. Chester v Birkenhead Park (5. Coventry v Birmingham (7.15); E Vale v Gloucester (7.0); Rugb Northampton (6.45); South P Police v Pontypool (5.45); Lon Welsh v Metropolitan Police (5.45.
RUGBY LEAGUE: County champi ship: Yorkshire v Cumbria (7.30).

Scots hope to restore pride

Vienna, Sept 19.—Scotland and their manager, Alistair MacLeod begin the task of restoring the country's pride after their World Cup failures when they meet Austria in a European (group two) football championship match against Austria here tomorrow.

It will be the Scots' first international match since they beat the Netherlands 3—2 in Argentina—their only win the World Cup finals—and it is unlikely to be an easy one.

The Austrians, who beat Norway 2—0 away in their first group match believe that the European championship is within their reach. They were one of the surprise qualifiers from the opening group matches in the World Cup.

Austria are likely to field the side which beat Norway. The only doubt concerns the fitness of their midfield player Prohaska, who has a knee injury. A late fitness test will decide his fate. His likely replacement is Gasselich, an untried but promising reserve.

The Austrian party also includes Krankl, the highly rated Barcelona forward. McQueen is almost certain to be given the job of keeping Krankl quiet, although Mr MacLeod would say nothing

The European Football Union (UEFA) refused to guarantee it would meet Austria's demand to carry out dope tests after the match.

Austrian officials are reported to have requested a check because of the expulsion of the Scottish winger, Johnston.

SCOTLAND (probable): A. Rough; S. Kennedy, M. Buchan, G. McQueen, W. Donachie, G. Souness, A. Hartford, A. Gemmill, K. Dalglish, A. Gray, J. Jordan.
AUSTRIA (probable): E. Fuchsbichler; R. Sara, E. Obermayer, B. Pezzey, H. Strasser, H. Prohaska, H. Weber, K. Jara, W. Schachner, W. Kreuz, H. Krankl. Substitutes: H. Feurer, R. Hintermaier, F. Oberacher, N. Zunelli—Agencies.

Football results

European U-21 championship
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OTHER RESULT: Belgium 4, Norway 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup: First round replay: Dartford 0, Margate 0 (after extra time. Dartford won 4—3 on penalties).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Runcorn 2, Morecambe 0; Buxton 0, Stafford Rangers 1.
SCHOOLS MATCH: Eton 4, Harrow HS 0.
FA CUP: First qualifying round replays: Epping Town 1, Chalfont St Peter 2 (after extra time); Harwich & Parkeston 1, Great Yarmouth 1; Grays 4, Wembley 1; Leytonstone 4, Hornchurch 1; St Albans 1, Hounslow 2; Ramsgate 5, Lowestoft 0.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Redhill 1, Fleet 1.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hitchin 5, Hayes 1; Leatherhead 0, Enfield 1; Slough 2, Carshalton 0; Staines 2, Wycombe 1; Tilbury 2, Barking 3; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Sutton 0; Woking 2, Hendon 2.
RUGBY UNION: Bridgend 30, Wolfhounds 12; Exeter 16, Torquay 10; Llanelli 31, BATS (Us) 17; Newbridge 16, Newport 0. Schools matches: Christ, Brecon 66, Brynteilon GS 6; Dean Close 33, Rondebosch 6; Glenalmond 9, Old Boys 10, Merchiston HS 0, St Joseph's, Ipswich 48.

Bhutto appeal overlaid by debate on points of law

From Richard Wigg
Rawalpindi, Sept 19

Pakistan's Supreme Court has started the crucial stage of Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's appeal against his death sentence in a political murder case. It is examining the prosecution's case after letting defence counsel argue for 57 days in the former Prime Minister's favour.

Four days of debates have already shown that the fate of Mr Bhutto, on which so much turns for the military regime of General Zia ul-Haq, is becoming increasingly overlaid by arguments between counsel and judges on fine points of the law on conspiracy and the admissibility of evidence.

Whether the appeal against the Lahore High Court verdict is rejected and Mr Bhutto hangs or not, the Supreme Court has an awkward double burden as the case is forcing it to decide a series of important legal precedents for Pakistan.

Mr Ijaz Batalvi, the chief prosecution counsel, could be arguing for a month if the judges keep on questioning him the way they are doing.

It was Mr Bhutto who took Pakistan out of the Commonwealth, but English law is often cited and the Privy Council's findings have led the court back to the days of British India and to Malaya during the communist insurgency of the 1950s in search of precedents for accepting hearsay evidence.

Such evidence is vital in order to prove parts of the allegation that Mr Bhutto entered into a conspiracy with officers of the Federal Security Force to get rid of a political opponent.

However, Mr Batalvi wants the judges to bear in mind the "social realities" of Mr Bhutto's rule when, as he put it, a man's home was certainly not his castle. He has also quoted the Privy Council on respect for local conditions.

Much of the prosecution's fire before the Supreme Court is concentrated on Mr Bhutto's conduct immediately after the conspiracy; it is argued that the intervention of the Prime Minister's personal staff in the investigations, which were finally shelved, indicated Mr Bhutto's keen interest in a cover-up.

Mr Batalvi seized on a remark by Mr Yahya Bakhtiar, Mr Bhutto's counsel, that he had advised the former Prime Minister that he would not get a fair trial from the Lahore High Court to claim that the "poison of bias" came not from that court but from Mr Bhutto's former Attorney-General himself.

One of the main defence arguments was that all the prosecution witnesses were former Federal Security Force officers or policemen and no member of the public who might have witnessed the shooting, in which the father of Mr Bhutto's opponent was fatally wounded, was produced in the lower court.

Mr Batalvi argued that the fact that the ballistics report went against the prosecution was proof that there was no tampering with witnesses.

Mr Bhutto remains in Rawalpindi's main jail, but Miss Benazir Bhutto, his daughter, and Mr Ahmad Raza Kasuri, the political opponent who survived the shooting, occasionally sit in court.

"I have got him", Mr Kasuri told me after today's hearing, emphasizing the importance of his naming Mr Bhutto in a police report hours after the attack. This followed two previous alleged attempts on his life, and a judicial inquiry in Mr Bhutto's time found that a plot by persons unknown existed. The Supreme Court has admitted this finding as evidence.

Mr Kasuri is worried that there will be a second wave of international pressure on Pakistan if the appeal is dismissed. "The world's rulers belong to a very privileged club and they do not want a precedent set for themselves", he said.

The way the proceedings are going in the Supreme Court at the moment, however, makes a retrial appear a distinct possibility.

Rugby Union

Clubs turn to sponsors to meet testing times

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Leicester believe they set a trend four years ago when they invited Mann's Brewery from Northampton to sponsor one of their home games. Whether they were first in the field or not, the club have developed the idea with considerable success, and it is one that seems to be catching on at least in the Midlands and the south-west.

Leicester have sponsors for most of their fixtures at Welford Road this season and Bristol, who first put their toe into this water a year ago, have confirmed or provisional bookings for 10 of their games. Coventry have made similar arrangements for three or four matches, and Nuneaton expect to have the support of local commerce or industry at perhaps 90 per cent of their home matches next year, when they celebrate their centenary.

Bristol, always hard hit by representative calls on their players, have experienced some difficult financial years. This season, moreover, they find themselves without an interest in the John Player Cup and will miss the financial rewards a successful cup run would produce. So it is no wonder that they have developed local sponsorship with some enthusiasm.

Nuneaton say the cost to a sponsor will vary between £100 and £200, according to the status and drawing power of the visiting team. On the same principle, Bristol vary their scale upwards from £150. Leicester prefer a fixed charge of £150. The return a sponsor may hope to receive for his outlay is much the same at all these clubs. With two big stands, in the largest English Rugby Union ground apart from Twickenham, Leicester can offer a sponsor as many free seats as he wants.

They guarantee publicity in the official programme and on the public address system, and of course a sponsor may hope for additional credit in the local media. The club provides facilities for the sponsor to entertain his guests before and after the game, and in so doing takes a modest additional profit on returns from bar and buffet. Leicester even present their sponsor with a club plaque, and those who support them more than once get an aerial picture of the ground. In both Leicester and Bristol sponsors reciprocate by advertising themselves, and the game, in local newspapers.

It is easier, no doubt, for one big club in a provincial centre to encourage local support. And while there may still be those who regard this trend as thinly disguised professionalism—a view which it is hard to take seriously—it certainly makes good commercial sense in increasingly testing times. Kevin Andrews, who captained Leicester at the end of the last decade and is now chairman of their fund-raising committee, prefers to keep the cost to sponsors at a reasonable level and to make them feel they are getting fair value for their money.

"Leicester have to find between £600 and £800 a week to keep the club on a sound footing," he said. "What we are getting from local sponsorship covers the basic cost of staging a game, and that is a most welcome plus." Leicester have been spending £20,000 on improvements at Welford Road. Their membership has shown a dramatic increase and now stands at 1,200. Nothing succeeds like success.

It is not just the major clubs who are climbing profitably on to the sponsorship handwagon. Surrey's centenary activities are being supported by Truman Limited, and I hear that the first game played by the Argentines, against Southern Counties at Oxford next Wednesday, will be sponsored by the estate agents, Buckell & Ballard.

The New Zealand internationals Terry Morrison, a wing three-quarter and Paul Sapsford, a prop, currently playing with London New Zealand, are in the Middlesex side to play Munster at Sudbury tomorrow.

MIDDLESEX: C. Ralston (Rosslyn Park); T. Morrison (London New Zealand), R. Gordon (London Scottish), A. Friell (London Scottish), H. Glean (Richmond), R. Wilson (London Scottish), A. Lawson (London Scottish), T. Clayton (Harlequins), J. Thomas (London Welsh), P. Sapsford (London New Zealand), M. Heiss (Richmond), G. Ralston (Richmond), A. Alexander (Harlequins), A. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. Medoll (Rosslyn Park).
MUNSTER: L. Maloney (Garryowen), M. Finn (UCC), N. Condon (London Irish), S. Dennison (Garryowen), I. Bowen (Constitution), T. Ward (St Mary's College), C. Murphy (Constitution), A. Mulcahy (Bohemians), P. Whelan (Garryowen), G. McLoughlan (Shannon), M. Keane (Lansdowne), R. Foley (Shannon), C. Tucker (Shannon), R. Spring (Dublin University), C. Canniffe (Constitution).

Macdonald will coach London Counties

Gordon Macdonald, who guided Middlesex to the county championship final in 1976 and 1977, will coach the London Counties side which will meet the All Blacks at Twickenham on October 30. London have confirmed their decision of last spring to call on exiled players for this prestige fixture, although the England selectors were hoping to use this match as an unofficial trial for the full England team which meets New Zealand on November 25.

However the newly-formed London division has announced an all-English team to meet the Argentines at Twickenham on September 30. But the top Scottish, Welsh and Irish players in the capital will get there chance against the All Blacks.

Macdonald is seen by London Counties as the man to get the best out of the cosmopolitan side. Martin Turner, the London President, said: "London needs to re-establish themselves as a major force and we have not forgotten how the London divisional team was thrashed by the North last year. The Rugby Union said they wanted us to field an all-England qualified team against the All Blacks but if that is what they wanted they should have changed their by-laws. London Counties as distinct from the division are duty-bound to choose from all players who are eligible for our seven member counties, whatever their national affiliation."

Alun Lewis, the London Welsh scrum half, damaged ankle ligaments against Leicester last Saturday and will be out of the game for about three weeks. Joe Davies deputizes against Metropolitan Police at Old Deer Park tonight, the first home game of the season

Another casualty is the prop forward Michael Jones, who has eight stitches in a cut eye, while regular wingers Clive Rees and Rhodri Ellis-Jones are being rested.

Wilson is out of All Black tour

Wellington, Sept 19.—Bevan Wilson has withdrawn from the New Zealand team which starts a tour of Britain and Ireland next month. Wilson, aged 22, who made his first appearance in the third international against the British Lions last year, suffered a knee injury in a provincial match last week.

Hockey

Planning for Moscow in the long and short term

By Sydney Friskin

Plans for the preparation of the Great Britain hockey team for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow were announced in London yesterday. A party of 24 players, drawn from the four home countries, will assemble for the first training weekend at Lilleshall on October 6. Fourteen are from England, six from Wales, three from Scotland and one from Northern Ireland.

One can find no fault with the selection except that, as far as the England contingent is concerned, the West seems to have been forgotten. The selection was made by Roger Self, the team manager, in consultation with the managers of the three other home countries, all of whom took a closer look during the recent European Cup at Hanover.

The most experienced member of the British party is Elkins, who represented Britain in the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich and has captained both Britain and England. Other members of the party who have played for Britain are Brookeman, Cotton, Gregg, McLean, Sutherland, Thomson and Whitaker.

While announcing the scheme yesterday, Colonel Dennis Egan, the secretary of the Great Britain Hockey Board, said that the Great Britain programme had priority over everything else including indoor commitments, although this did not apply wholly to Scotland. With careful planning it was intended that they would avoid a clash with Scotland's indoor programme.

There is, however, one difficulty as far as England are concerned. An invitation has been accepted to play in the international indoor tournament in Denmark on November 25 and 26, just one day after the termination of the outdoor tournament in Lahore where a number of England players will be assisting Britain. The players in this case should have the right to decide which way they are going.

The first aim of the training scheme for Britain is to establish a satisfactory playing record. For this purpose it will be Britain and not England who will play in the international tournament at Lord's on March 24 and 25 next year. Argentina and West Germany have also been invited to Lord's. Britain will also play in the Champions Trophy at Lahore from November 17 to 24 and in the 10-nation tournament at Perth (Australia) from April 20 to 30. The next aim for the longer term, will be to find the best Olympic team, with the emphasis on fitness and the development of the younger players.

TRAINING PARTY: P. J. Barber (England), R. H. Brookeman (England), M. R. Brough (Wales), R. L. Catnall (Wales), B. J. Cotton (England), J. L. Duhle (England), A. R. Ekins (England), J. E. C. Foulkes (Wales), D. J. Godwin (England), J. A. Gregg (N Ireland), N. Hughes (England), S. S. Khehar (England), A. K. McGinn (England), W. D. McLean (Scotland), N. G. Menzies (Scotland), D. J. Owen (England), C. Sutherland (Scotland), I. C. B. Taylor (England), I. A. Thomson (England), D. C. Westcott (England), A. Western (Wales), D. B. Whitaker (England), R. R. Williams (Wales), H. D. J. Williams (Wales).

MADRID: Women's World Cup: Group A: Belgium 1, Nigeria 0; West Germany 4, Japan 0. Group B: India 1, Canada 1; Argentina 2, Czechoslovakia 1.

Cricket

India pick two new players

New Delhi, Sept 19.—India today announced an experienced 16-man party for the cricket tour of Pakistan during which the Test series between the two countries will be resumed after 17 years. The team, to be led by the left-arm spin bowler, Bishen Singh Bedi, includes only two new players—the 19-year-old all-rounder Kapil Dev and the young Punjabi batsman, Yashpal Sharma.

The Indian team, managed by Fateshinghrao Gaekwad, will fly from Bombay to Karachi on September 23. They are scheduled to play three Test matches against Pakistan, three one-day international matches and six other matches during the two-month tour.

The Indian team was named in Bangalore after the annual match between the Irani Cup champions Karnataka and the Rest of India. Ashok Mankad, Brijesh Patel and Mandan Lal were omitted.

TOURING PARTY: B. S. Bedi (captain), S. M. Gavaskar, M. Amarnath, S. Amarnath, C. Chauhan, R. Ghavri, D. Vengsarkar, G. R. Viswanath, S. M. H. Kirmani, B. S. Chandrasekhar, E. A. S. Prasanna, S. Venkataraghavan, B. Reddy, A. Gaekwad, Y. Sharma, K. Dev.—Reuter.

Golf

Griffiths sets course record in Midland open

Andrew Griffiths, playing in his third tournament of the summer, set a record for the Valley course with a first round score of 66 in the Midland open championships yesterday. A set under the new par of 73, gave him a five shot lead over Brian Waites (Notts) and Hugh Boyle (Walsall), the former Ryder Cup player.

Waites, the club professional who sprung a major surprise by winning the European tournament players championship at Foxhills on Sunday, had to give best this time to Griffiths, aged 25, from Llanynynach where the club house is in Shropshire and most of the course in Wales.

He reached the turn in a 34, under par 31, including three birdies and an eagle. He marred his only one more birdie, although he did not drop a shot at all. Griffiths finds time for only one round of golf a week and his Midland tournament was a matter of play championship almost a year ago.

LEADING SCORES: 66: A. Griffiths (Llanymynach); 71: B. Waites (Notts), H. Boyle (Walsall); 72: D. Rees (Kedleston Park), N. Brinsford (Glossop), P. Cowen (Ticklehome), J. Anderson (Little Aston), I. Wyndham (Oswestry), B. Thompson (Bedford Park), S. Bonham (St Kross), M. Steele (Lichfield Park); 73: A. Lees (Radcliffe on Trent), A. Spencer (Whittington Barracks), D. Jones (Bridgnorth), T. Giles (Norton County).

Graham to play at Walton Heath

David Graham, of Australia, winner of the world matchplay championship at Wentworth two years ago, is the latest entrant for the £105,000 European open golf championship at Walton Heath in October 19-22.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 10, Cleveland Indians 2; Boston Red Sox 3, Detroit Tigers 1; New York Yankees 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Minnesota Twins 10, California Angels 3; Kansas City Royals 7, Seattle Mariners 6; Oakland Athletics 7, Chicago White Sox 3.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 0.

Correction

David Haller, the Beckenham swimming Club coach, asks us to point out that he is not, contrary to an agency report in The Times of September 15, interested in becoming manager of the British swimming team.

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loyd has smoother ourney than Cox to second round

k Cox and David Lloyd, 's doubles partnership in cent winning Davis Cup tie Czechoslovakia, went their te ways in the British hard-tennis championships, spon- by Inchcape, at Bourne- yesterday. In reaching the round, Lloyd looked more sive.

r beating Javier Soler, of 9—3, 6—4, in the first of the men's singles Lloyd "I played my best tennis ur or five years. It is the result of our good Davis in this season. It has meant am either playing against ctising with the top players frequent intervals."

t from saving a set point, sixteenth game of the first oyd seldom looked troubled. missed his chance of going up when he hit a forehand court after a long rally. n let Lloyd race away with -break.

the fourth seed, achieved drawn our first-round victory by 6—3, 5—7, 6—2 against Robun Bevan, another British left-hander, who will be 21 tomorrow. Cox had to retrieve service breaks in each of the first two sets. He was 3—4 down in the first, and 0—3 in the second. In the final set, however, Cox was well in control and won five successive games to lead 5—1.

Two seeded players were beaten: Peter Feigl, of Austria, the No 6 seed, who played against Britain in an early Davis Cup tie this summer, went down 6—3, 3—6, 6— to Angelo Gimenez, of Spain, but a more serious upset was the defeat of Jacqueline Fayter, the third seed in the women's singles. She never got a grip on her match against Iris Riedel, of West Germany, and lost the first five games and the last six to go down by 6—1, 6—1.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: A. Jarrett beat O. Halligran (Sweden), 6—3, 6—1; J. Higueras (Spain) beat O. Parun (NZ), 6—2, 6—2; P. Elter (W Germany) beat R. Thung (Netherlands), 6—3, 9—7; J. R. Smith beat N. Jonsen (Australia), 6—4, 8—6; I. Molina (Colombia) beat J. Paish, 6—1, 7—5; J. W. Feaver beat A. Botancur (Colombia), 8—9, 6—1, 6—3; A. Gimenez (Spain) beat P. Feigl (Austria), 6—3, 3—6, 6—2; L. Sanders (Netherlands) beat R. W. Drysdale, 8—6, 5—7, 6—3; M. Cox beat T. Bevan, 6—3, 5—7, 6—2; D. A. Lloyd beat J. Soler (Spain), 9—8, 6—4; J. Velasco (Colombia) beat H. Kary (Austria), 3—6, 6—1, 6—3; C. Lewis (NZ) beat R. Frawley (Australia), 6—1, 6—0; P. Bertolucci (Italy) beat G. Ocleppo (Italy), 6—4, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: Mrs K. Wooldridge (Scotland) beat Miss S. Chapman (NZ), 6—1, 3—6, 6—0; Miss M. Gurdal (Belgium) beat Miss K. Brasher, 8—6, 6—3; Miss I. Riedel (W Germany) beat Miss J. Fayter, 6—1, 6—1; Miss B. R. Thompson beat Miss H. Eisterlehner (W Germany), 6—2, 6—3; Miss J. Plackett beat Miss T. Zwaan (Netherlands), 6—3, 6—4.



Cox: recovered

evenage event hit by Davis Cup tie

k Cox and David Lloyd, two ers of the British team who ed Czechoslovakia in East- last weekend, are to play indoor tennis tournament ttingham next week, spon- by Pernod. But because of am's continued success in vis Cup Cox and Lloyd have o withdraw from another sponsored by Pernod, at age the following week, be- of their Davis Cup commit-

ain will be playing Aus- at Crystal Palace, from er 6 to 8, thus clashing with tevenage event. A spokes- for the sponsors said that gh they were pleased at 's success, they were dis- l at the apparent lack of ng by the Lawn Tennis Asso-

dates for the competitions sponsored by Pernod in 1978 had been changed on the advice of the LTA, and the sponsors found it all the more annoying that the clash in the second week should arise in Britain itself.

New York, Sept 18.—Whether Jimmy Connors will be in the United States team to face Sweden in the Davis Cup inter-zone match is uncertain. Connors, who overwhelmed Bjorn Borg of Sweden, on the synthetic surface of the Flushing Meadow courts to win the United States title a little over a week ago, has yet to agree to play for his country against Sweden at Göteborg from October 6 to 8.

He has appeared irregularly for the United States in Davis Cup competition but leading American officials said they hoped to persuade him to face Sweden. "Connors will be an indispensable advantage. I hope to meet him this week and I hope he will accept selection", the non-playing captain, Tony Trabert, said.

If Connors declines, Trabert will select Brian Gottfried and Vitas Gerulaitis in the singles and Stan Smith and Bob Lutz or Gottfried and John McEnroe in the doubles.—Agence France-Presse.

LOS ANGELES: R. Moore beat P. Dupree, 6—1, 3—6, 7—5; V. Amritraj beat G. Mahn, 3—6, 7—6, 7—6; V. Pecci beat M. Wayman, 7—6, 3—6, 6—3; T. Moor beat V. Amaya, 6—2, 5—7, 6—4; J. Chanfreau beat T. Leonard, 3—6, 7—5, 7—6; C. Dibley beat M. Cahill, 6—3, 6—3; T. Waltke beat G. Masters, 4—6, 6—3, 6—3.

POINTE CLAIRE: K. McDaniel beat J. Evert, 6—0, 6—3; K. Harter beat W. Barlow, 6—4, 3—6, 7—5; N. Gregory beat T. Bostrom, 6—1, 6—4; D. Desfor beat K. Shaw, 6—0, 6—7, 6—1; G. Coles beat M. Wikstedt, 6—1, 6—0; P. Medrado beat C. O'Neil, 6—2, 5—7, 6—3; P. Whytcross beat R. Blount, 7—5, 6—4.

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oveday loses his way in strating wind shifts

hn Nicholls

es and Hugh Kidd, from a, were the winners of the race in the world Flying man championship at Hay- Island yesterday. It was r day of many frustrating shifts, with the prevailing westerly wind veering pro- ely throughout the race. of the three windward legs n a different bearing from eward mark and each saw place changes.

Loveday and Lewis Dann d sixth, after leading for of the race. Leontjev and ov, of the Soviet Union, re among Loveday's main for the title, were lying to him on the second but fared even worse on st beat to finish 12th. The ast German crews finished the leaders for the first this week

Sela, an Israel helmsman was second for much of y's race before falling be- on the final beat, was again placed, finishing third. The are leading overall, with , of France second, Haase Leontjev fourth and Love- fth. These positions will vary discarded races are taken account after today, with Loveday leading at the moment.

Yesterday's pre-race preparations followed the now familiar pattern of postponements for the wind to settle. The first was signalled before the fleet of 50 put to sea, so at least they were spared the boredom of aimlessly sailing to and fro, waiting for something to happen.

By the end of the second beat he was in first place anyway, with Leontjev second and Abascal third. The Kidds were then fourth and Haase fifth. At the leeward mark at the end of the second round, Loveday led by over two minutes, but from then on, things began to go wrong for him.

The bearing of the finish was differen from the previous windward leg and he tended to sail too far to the port side of a direct line. Also he was still covering Abascal, unaware that the Spaniard was already out of the race. The breeze favoured boats on the starboard side and a well deserved first place changed into a disappointing sixth.

FOURTH RACE: 1, J. Kidd and H. Kidd (Canada); 2, U. Steingross and J. Wenzel (EG); 3, Y. Sela and Y. Mayan (Israel); 4, U. Steingross and J. Schramme (EG); 5, N. Freeman and J. Mathias (US); 6, J. Loveday

Cycling

Australians in no mood to hand over leadership

Tony Gowland from London and his Belgian partner Patrick Sercu could not shift the Australians Danny Clark and John Allan from their leading position in the fourth night of the Skol six-day cycle race at Wembley's Empire Pool.

Sprinting of a rare quality by Clark has proved decisive in establishing a considerable points lead for the Melbourne riders on the steeply banked 165 metre wooden track. The evening began with a points race in which the two leaders added 59 to their overnight total, giving them 453 points.

With a lead of 105 points over West Germans Wilfred Peffgen and Albert Fritz and three laps lead over Gowland and Sercu, Clark said he could afford to let them have a lap back in the first half-hour team race which followed, knowing that the decisive race of over one hour, would follow much later.

LATEST POSITIONS: 1, D Allan, D. Knetemann, J. Raas (Netherlands), 256; 4 (at two laps), P. Sercu (Belgium), A. Gowland (Britain), 440; 5, G. Frank, N. Fredborg (Denmark), 287; 6 (at five laps), R. Savary (Switz), K. Svendsen (Denmark), 135; 7 (at nine laps), L. Van Vliet (Netherlands), G. Schumacher (W Germany), 171; 8 (at 10 laps), L. Hallam (Britain), G. Haritz (W Germany), 192.

gby League

alford put four players on transfer list

nel Coulman, an inter- al prop put up for sale by d at a fee of £10,000, wants y. Coulman is one of four s put on the transfer list by pach, Alex Murphy, after a f three successive defeats. follows an unbeaten opening four games.

lman said "Obviously I am pointed. I suppose heads bound to roll after three de- but I don't want to leave d. I am a Salford player nd foremost. I will just have ove them wrong and earn ace."

lman was out of the side for of last season with cartilage e. The other players up for re the former Great Britain -24 forward Turbull (£8,000) wo more forwards, Knighton 0) and Wood (£1,000).

Yorkshire selectors have had ake three changes from the al side chosen to meet ria in an international Rugby ie trial at Hull tonight. Francis (St Helens) stand-off half, Dalgreen (Warrington), hooker, and Crane (Leeds), loose forward, have an early chance to impress the Great Britain selectors looking for candidates for the matches against Australia, starting next month. The three come in for Holmes (Leeds), Ward (Leeds) and Norton (Hull) who are injured. Dalgreen and Crane will be winning their first caps.

In Sydney, the Australian Rugby League selectors last night named the 28-strong team for the tour of England and France later this month, Reuter reports.

There are several new faces in the party. Only nine of them have played in England before. Eadie, Schubert, Cronin and Rogers among the backs; the half-backs, Fulton and Raudonikis; and Pierce, a lock, have toured previously with Australian sides. Anderson, a winger and Gerard, a forward, have played with English clubs.

Anderson played in the winning Widnes Challenge Cup Final side in 1975 and Gerard played with Wakefield Trinity in 1976. The surprise selection is Hilditch, who is one of three hookers in the party. The others are Krilich and Peponis, both of whom captain their Sydney clubs.

The team is (New South Wales unless otherwise stated): G. Eadie A. McMahon, L. Corowa, C. Anderson, K. Boustead (Queensland), J. Schubert, M. Cronin, A. Thompson, S. Rogers, R. Fulton (captain), S. Martin, T. Raudonikis, G. Oliphant (Queensland), J. Gibbs, R. Price, G. Pierce (vice-captain), R. Reddy, G. Olling, J. Harvey, R. Morris (Queensland), G. Gerard, S. Kneen, L. Boyd, C. Young, I. Thomson, G. Peponis, M. Krilich, R. Hilditch.

Eadie inspired Manly to a 16—0 victory over Cronulla in the Rugby League grand final replay a Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

Anonymity shrouds the score which beat Sullivan

Silent cheers for Fox's record

eith Macklin

lier this year, during a game ugby League, Neil Fox, of ord Northern, probably the all-time points scoring gate in Rugby League. He o idea when the great feat chieved, nor has anyone else game.

try, or penalty goal, or goal, that beat the legendary ullivan's record received no than the normal cheers ed for a score, since no one at the time that it was a breaker. This frustrating, irritating, state of affairs about because statisticians ecorded the feats of Wigan's full-back tended to include ly and exhibition games in totals. These are no longer sible, and Fox's total es only first-class competi- ames.

livan's stated total, including lies, charity games and tions was 6,206. Fox's total e is 6,0?7. The Rugby League rities are so concerned that and truth are seen to be that a statistician has been ed to go through Sullivan's with a statistical tooth- and to come up with a tive total. This will take a more weeks, and at the end all, Neil Fox could emerge he all-time record-breaker feat passed unnoticed. Which is bad luck for the tall, hefty and good-natured man from South Yorkshire, who is one of the famous Rugby League dynasty of Foxes.

Neil's elder brother, Peter, is coach of the Premiership holders, Bradford Northern, for whom Neil now plays. The second brother, Don, became unhappily famous for one of the most remarkable televised incidents ever to show a man's utter dejection and embarrassment. Don was the man who would have won a Wembley Cup Final for Wakefield Trinity against Leeds, if, on a rain-washed swamp of a pitch, he had kicked a last-minute conversion. Don slipped as he ran to take the easy kick in front of the posts, and sliced it wide, collapsing in tears on the ground as Leeds players jumped for joy.

The long career of Neil Fox has been truly remarkable. He first played for Wakefield Trinity as a boy of 16 in April, 1956, 22 years ago, before some of his present Bradford team colleagues were born. He was a product of one of those pit village sides in South Yorkshire that turn out Rugby League players by the cage-full, and he was soon to make his mark. Trinity found themselves injury-hit and without a goal-kicker for a match against Huddersfield. Sixteen-year-old Neil was pressed into service, and kicked six goals in six attempts.

Since then he has been banging them over from all angles and all distances, for half a dozen Yorkshire clubs, and for good measure loping over the try-line with his deceptive long stride and considerable bulk. He has won every honour in the game from international matches to county cup medals. The sideboard at his South Yorkshire home groans with polished hardware, and on October 28th he will seek another medal when Bradford Northern play in the Yorkshire Cup Final. His highest total in a game is 33—12 goals and three tries v. Batley in 1967.

Neil is disappointed by the fact that he has almost certainly already by-passed Sullivan's total. "There's nothing to look forward to" he said: "It would have been nice to have turned out for a game, knowing I needed a try or a couple of goals to beat Sully's record. His total will probably come out at about 6,100, and if I'm allowed my 60 points from a South African tour, then I did it weeks ago. It's a pity nobody thought about it last year, but nobody realised how close I was. Never mind, perhaps they'll find some new target for me to aim at".

Racing

Record for sister to Shirley Heights

A yearling full sister to the dual Derby winner, Shirley Heights, fetched 250,000 guineas when offered at Goffs September Sales at Kill, co Kildare, yesterday. The figure is a record for an Irish bloodstock sale, and equalled the highest price ever paid fo ra horse at public auction anywhere in Europe.

The figure is also believed to equal the world's highest price paid for a yearling filly. The filly, by Mill Reef out of Hardiemma, was purchased by Tim Hastings of the British Bloodstock Agency on behalf of a client of Francois Boutin, the French trainer.

The name of the buyer has not beed officially announced, but it is understood that the purchase was made either for the Greek shipping magnate, Stavros Niarchos, or for a syndicate. The filly came up from Mrs Jill Weal's Ballyrogan stud in co Wicklow. Mrs Weal had bought Hardiemma to foal for 15,000 guineas—a rewarding day's work.

The previous Irish record had stood since the corresponding sale in 1976 when a Secretariat filly realized 160,000 guineas. The Mill Reef filly now shares the most-costly-auction-buy-in-Europe tag with the so-far unraced Lychnis, who is in training with Vincent O'Brien in co Tipperary. Lychnis made 250,000 guineas at last year's Newmarket Houghton Yearling Sales.

Vincent O'Brien paid 162,000 guineas for a bay filly by Forli, out of the winnin gRibot mare, Arkadina, sent up from the Airlie Stud. This filly is a haf sister to Encyclopedia ,and is related to Blood Ryal. The Tipperary trainer bought the filly for a syndicate, which incudes Robert Sangster.

The Newmarket Bloodstock Agency went to 33,000 guineas for a Rheingold—Rebel Gold colt sent up from Abbeville Stud by Charles J. Haughey, the Republic's Minister for Health.

The 197 lots sold yesterday made an agregate of 2,312,800 guineas and an average of 11,740 guineas —the best ever figures for the opening session. The aggregate showed an increase of 128 per cent on last year and the average a rise of 64 per cent.

Captain Christy back

Captain Christy, the 1974 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, out of action for two season, is reported fit again and is being prepared by Francis Flood, his trainer, for a return to jumping at the end of the year. The 11-year-old may run in a "bumpers" race at Listowel on September 29.

Jellaby a firm fancy on soft ground

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It now looks as though the admirers of Lester Piggott could be in their element at Longchamp on October 1. If the great jockey ever had any qualms about winning the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe again on Alleged, those doubts surely went out of the window on Sunday when the hero of last year's race made a perfect comeback in the Prix du Prince d'Orange.

Without exception, everyone with whom I have talked and discussed the race was impressed with Alleged both in action and in the paddock beforehand. An important consideration must be the fact that he will enter the arena a fresh horse with only two races under his belt. Whether Alleged is accompanied to Longchamp by his younger stable companion, the sprinter Solinus, will be decided after the three-year-old has run in the Airlie, Coolmore Castle Hyde sprint championship at the Curragh this afternoon.

After Solinus had won the William Hill sprint championship at York last month, both Vincent O'Brien and Robert Sangster said that their colt would not run again. However, not long afterwards they announced that they had changed their minds and that Solinus would stay in training a little bit longer to take in today's race, which they won a year ago with Godswalk, and all being well the Prix de l'Abbaye which is always the first race on Arc day and a favoured target of English and Irish sprinters. O'Brien would obviously like to win the Abbaye because it is one of the few top-class races that still elude him.

At the Curragh today, Spence Bay should be the most troublesome rival as far as Solinus is concerned. He has won three of his last four races, one of which was at York last month, but they were all over seven furlongs, and over six Solinus should be the sharper. Spence Bay's defeat was at Royal Ascot where he could finish only fourth behind Camden Town in the Jersey Stakes. Sadly an injured hock has prevented Camden Town from running in the meantime, but he is all right again now and currently being prepared for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on September 30.

Camden Town is trained by Peter Walwyn at Seven Barrows where life has been frustrating during the last six weeks. A virus has affected the whole stable causing few runners and equally few plans because you simply cannot make plans in those circumstances. So far, the two-year-olds there have been affected far worse than the older horses and it is still Walwyn's intention to run his other good miler, Formidable, in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Doonside Cup is the most valuable race at Ayr today on this the start of the four-day Western meeting which features the Ayr Gold Cup later in the week. The ground at Ayr yesterday was said to be on the soft side of good, and if it remains that way, Jellaby will be in seventh heaven this afternoon. He has always run his best races when there has been some give in the ground.

On his last appearance he finished third to Hawaaiian Sound and Gunner B in the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York and on a line through Gunner B he appears to have the beating of Malecite now. Malecite finished third behind Gunner B at Royal Ascot.

At Great Yarmouth Luca Cumani is not without a good chance of winning three races, especially the Dennis Bushby Stakes with Spring to Life, who finished third to Warmington at Newmarket last month. Spithead Review (4.15) and Bananas Foster (5.15) are my idea of the winners of the two divisions of the Hastings Stakes which was split yesterday. Bananas Foster was expected to run well at Doncaster last Saturday, but he could not take part because it was discovered that his passport was not in order at the eleventh hour.

STATE OF GOING (official): Ayr: Good to soft. Yarmouth: First. Uttoxeter (tomorrow): Firm. Wincanton (tomorrow): Hard.

Eddery has a high time at Brighton

Patrick Eddery, the champion jockey, continued in fine form; despite his retaining stable being virtually out of action with the virus, when he rode a 22-1 treble at Brighton yesterday on Avanti Carlo, Hang-On-Elvis and Jaymor. This followed four winners at Goodwood last weekend.

Hang-On-Elvis, owned by Thelma Macdonald, the daughter of Hector Macdonald, a bookmaker, defied a penalty with authority when racing clear from his Fitzherbert Handicap opponents after catching Welthi before the final furlong. The gelding scored by three lengths from Winged Dagger and obviously relishes the tricky Brighton circuit—this was his third course victory over three different distances.

This completed a double for the Newmarket trainer, Neville Callaghan, and franked the form of a partnership that has been remarkably successful. Eddery said: "That's my twenty-sixth win of the season for the Callaghan stable."

Earlier Eddery won the Beau Brummel Stakes for Callaghan on Avanti Carlo, who mastered the disapointing odds-on favourite Tender Heart, by two lengths. Blinkers first time and the assistance of the top Brighton jockey, Paul Cook, failed to work for Tender Heart, who had made the running with Dancing Kathleen until the Epsom colt had no answer when Eddery challenged with Avanti Carlo two furlongs out.

The blinkered Jaymor got home by a short-head to complete the Eddery treble in the Chippendale Stakes and give Paul Kelleway his twenty-first success in his second season as a trainer at Newmarket. The stable has now collcted over £80,000, including place money, and Kelleway has maintained a magnificent winning run since collecting £10,000 from Ripon bookmakers after the 33-1 victory of Antique Bloom on July 31.



Coquito's Prince (nearer camera) holds Andy Rew in the Taj Mahal Handicap at Brighton.

Ayr programme

2.0 KILKERRAN AMATEUR RIDERS' STAKES (£1,147: 1m 7f)

2 142244 Night Watch, I. Balding, 4-11-11 ... — 2
4 321-044 Blue Chrome, Miss S. Hall, 6-11-4 ... Mr C. Platts 5
7 203010- Decent Fellow (CD), G. Balding, 5-11-4 ... Mr A. Wilson 8
10 3310- Naval Victory, R. Hollinshead, 4-11-4 ... Mr A. Hollinshead 12
11 Nevertheless, J. Barclay, 9-11-4 ... Miss J. Barclay 11
13 3304-40 Chance Belle, R. Jarvis, 5-11-1 ... Mr W. Jarvis 10
15 00-0304 Copper Castle, T. Craig, 6-10-11 ... Mr W. Jardine 1
17 00 Buck Wall, H. Burns, 4-10-8 ... — 4
19 Lakeland Lady, G. Richards, 4-10-8 ... Mr J. Mackie 9
21 321 James Hunt, H. Price, 3-10-7 ... Mr C. Ransom 6
23 0-14013 Atoka, C. Tinkler, 3-10-4 ... Mrs M. Tinkler 5
24 00 Lorna Constance, R. Allan, 3-9-11 ... Miss M. McKay 4

10-11 Decent Fellow, 4-1 James Hunt, 13-2 Atoka, 10-1 Night Watch, 14-1 Blue Chrome, 20-1 Naval Victory, Chance Belle, 25-1 others.

2.35 DOONSIDE CUP (£8,341: 1m 3f)

201 301140 Move Off (CD), J. Calvert, 5-9-7 ... J. Bleasdale 3
203 434020 Remainder Man, R. Hollinshead, 3-8-8 ... T. Ives 5
204 000-342 Claudio Nicolai, Denys Smith, 5-8-7 ... L. Charnock 6
205 13040-0 Irodes, A. Jarvis, 4-8-7 ... M. Thomas 7
206 31-a033 Jellaby, H. Price, 5-8-7 ... B. Taylor 1
207 1-40331 Malecite, H. Cecil, 5-8-7 ... J. Mercer 2
209 030-302 Rymer, W. H-Bass, 7-8-7 ... E. Hide 4

6-4 Jellaby, 5-2 Malecite, 11-2 Remainder Man, 10-1 Move Off, 14-1 Rymer, 20-1 Claudio Nicolai, 25-1 Irodes.

3.05 KYKE AND CARRICK HANDICAP (£4,552: 1m)

301 022201 Carriage Way (D), N. Callaghan, 4-10-3 ... B. Taylor 2
306 047321 Arctic Tribune (D), R. Jarvis, 4-9-6 ... M. Thomas 5
307 100410 Parent (CD), E. Weymes, 5-9-1 ... P. Waldron 8
308 432221 Running Jump (D), J. W. Watts, 6-9-0 ... A. Mercer 1
310 331420 Musical Prince (C,D), J. Bethell, 5-8-10 ... E. Hide 6
311 003002 Stephandre, T. Fairhurst, 4-8-9 ... J. Mercer 3
313 044003 Whitby Jet, J. Calvert, 4-8-6 ... M. Birch 9
314 1-01202 Miss Eliza (CD), G. Thornton, 4-8-6 ... J. Bleasdale 7
318 302432 Smokey Bear, J. Hanson, 3-8-5 ... E. Johnson 4

7-2 Running Jump, 4-1 Smokey Bear, 6-1 Carriage Way, 13-2 Miss Eliza, 7-1 Arctic Tribune, 12-1 Musical Prince, 14-1 Stephandre, 20-1 others.

3.35 LADBROKE LEISURE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,149: 6f)

401 210043 Kaunitz, C. Brittain, 9-7 ... E. Hide 3
402 321221 Just Gayle (D), E. Weymes, 9-3 ... S. Webster 6
405 002321 Herbie (D), R. Jarvis, 8-9 ... M. Thomas 4
406 222412 Bushwacker (D), B. D. Peacock, 8-6 ... J. Mercer 7
407 0220 After Shave, J. W. Watts, 8-6 ... J. Lowe 9
409 221003 Tribal Jester, S. Norton, 8-4 ... G. Sexton 2
412 003014 Paul Stuart (D), H. Price, 8-3 ... S. Salmon 8
413 224201 Noble Mistress (D), W. H. Williams, 7-13 ... M. Wigham 1
414 044000 Feethams Flyer, S. Nesbitt, 7-11 ... A. Nesbitt 5

9-4 Paul Stuart, 7-2 Kaunitz, 9-2 Just Gayle, 6-1 Herbie, 8-1 Noble Mistress, 10-1 Bushwacker, 14-1 After Shave, 16-1 others.

4.5 KILBRIDE HANDICAP (£2,027: 5f)

503 210004 Beethoven (D), S. Nesbitt, 4-10-0 ... T. Ives 7
505 040000 Primula Boy (D), J. W. Watts, 5-9-4 ... A. Mercer 5
506 320002 Hedge School (B,D), Denys Smith, 4-8-13 ... L. Charnock 2
507 341000 Ackabarrow (B,D), E. Weymes, 5-8-11 ... E. Hide 10
508 141200 Franklyn (CD), T. Craig, 5-8-10 ... A. Mackay 6
509 111210 Bri-Eden (CD), J. Berry, 4-8-9 ... S. Webster 9
510 020010 My Chopin (B,D), T. Fairhurst, 7-8-7 ... P. McDermott 11
511 000011 Friendly Fun (D), N. Crump, 3-8-5 ... J. Lowe 3
512 2-13344 Setmark (D), G. Toft, 3-8-1 ... S. Lawes 1
513 321314 Thorganby (CD), R. Hobson, 3-8-1 ... M. Wigham 4
515 120000 Our Foxbar (CD), W. H. Williams, 3-7-7 ... K. Darley 8

4-1 Hedge School, 6-1 Thorganby, 11-2 Bri-Eden, 6-1 Friendly Fun, 13-2 Franklyn, 7-1 Ackabarrow, 10-1 Beethoven, 12-1 others.

4.35 SANDGATE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,606: 1m)

603 Broughty Pier, C. Thornton, 9-0 ... S. Perks 12
604 00 Caledonian, J. Calbert, 9-0 ... — 4
606 023400 Dismantler, S. Norton, 9-0 ... N. Crowther 1
608 00 Herr Capitan, C. Brittain, 9-0 ... E. Hide 6
609 000 Inga Bridge, A. Smith, 9-0 ... C. Eccleston 3
613 0 Midnight Warrior, W. H. Williams, 9-0 ... M. Wigham 11
614 00 My Reppin, A. Smith, 9-0 ... G. McDermott 4
617 0 Royal Calliph, J. Hanson, 9-0 ... M. Thomas 10
618 4 Royal Rex, R. Hollinshead, 9-0 ... T. Ives 16
620 00 Seasonal Samba, S. Norton, 9-0 ... G. Sexton 5
621 Snallwels, E. Weymes, 9-0 ... — 9
622 0 Sombrero, C. Thornton, 9-0 ... J. Bleasdale 14
623 0 Telemon Lad, P. Doyle, 9-0 ... M. Birch 18
624 0 The Complet, B. Hills, 9-0 ... E. Johnson 2
625 3 The Hague (B), J. W. Watts, 9-0 ... J. Lowe 8
627 000 Viconte, J. Fitzgerald, 9-0 ... — 20
629 0 Apicy Apary, W. H. Williams, 8-11 ... K. Darley 19
630 30 Cherchez La Femme, G. Richards, 8-11 ... G. Gray 21
633 00 Juli Kiss, Denys Smith, 8-11 ... L. Charnock 17
635 0004 Never Mebulous, T. Fairhurst, 8-11 ... P. McDermott 13
654 0000 Oyston Beauty, L. Berry, 8-11 ... E. Apter 15

2-1 Herr Capitan, 3-1 The Hague, 4-1 The Complet, 8-1 Royal Rex, 12-1 Telemon Lad, 16-1 Dismantler, Juli Kiss, 20-1 others.

Ayr selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Decent Fellow, 2.35 Jellaby, 3.5 Running Jump, 3.35 Paul Stuart, 4.5 Friendly Fun, 4.35 The Hague.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Chance Belle, 2.35 Malecite, 3.05 Arctic Tribune, 3.35 Kaunitz, 4.35 Herr Capitan.

Great Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.15 SPRING TO LIFE (specially recommended), 2.45 Bella Nova, 3.15 Kalimir, 3.45 Eastern Spring, 4.15 Spithead Review, 4.45 Ard, 5.15 Bananas Foster.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Spring to Life, 2.45 Desert Spy, 3.15 Kalimir, 3.45 Eastern Spring, 4.15 Spithead Review, 4.45 Ojibway, 5.15 Bananas Foster.

Brighton results

2.0 (2.0) BEAU BRUMMEL STAKES (2-y-o: £1,425: 7f)

Avanti Carlo, ch c, by Lorenzaccio—Dame Fortune (Mrs I. Norman), 8-11 ... P. Eddery (9-4) 1
Tender Heart ... P. Cook (4-6) 2
Manston Marauder ... B. Rouse (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Plaza Suite (4th), 20-1 Dancing Kathleen, 33-1 Singing Fool, Staccraft, Roman Star. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 12p, 11p, 16p; dual forecast, 17p. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 2l, 4l. 1min 22.71sec. Yellow Rock and Penicuik did not run.

2.30 (2.31) RAGGETTS HANDICAP (£725: 7f)

King Kappa, b c, by St Alphage—Dialora (P. Kollakis), 4-9-1 ... G. Starkey (7-2 jt fav) 1
Diving Glider ... C. Furlong (25-1) 2
Firetail ... J. Reid (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Crown Major, Doughty (4th), 11-2 Notiki, 16-1 Dam Water, 20-1 Culbergo, 25-1 Mount Stephen, 33-1 Exotic Dawn, Service Charge, Aunt Thea, Where's Henry. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 16p, £1.59, 20p; dual forecast, £11.18. M. Ryan, at Newmarket. 1l, sht hd. 1min 33.70sec.

3.0 (3.2) TAJ MAHAL HANDICAP (£2,466: 1m)

Coquito's Prince, b c, by Crowned Prince—Belgium Bullet (A. Alvarado), 4-9-1 J. Lynch (8-1) 1
Andy Rew S. Eccles (100-30 jt fav) 2
Monte Acuto ... P. Cook (100-30 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav Rocket Symphony, 9-2 Chop-Chop (4th), 8-1 Chukaroo, 33-1 Balranald. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 87p; places, 33p, 20p; dual forecast, £2.55. B. Hanbury, at Newmarket. Hd, 3l. 1min 33.52sec.

3.30 (3.32) FITZHERBERT HANDICAP (£1,518: 1m 4f)

Hang-on Elvis, br g, by Right Tack—Prairie Princess (Miss T. Macdonald), 5-8-7 ... P. Eddery (7-4 fav) 1
Winged Dagger ... F. Morby (10-1) 2
Tudor Wynk ... B. Rouse (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Saturnus, 13-2 Bewick (4th), 8-1 Valdec, 10-1 Geminiani, 25-1 Excelsior, Pretty Girl, Welthi. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 13p, 25p, 22p; dual forecast, £2.19. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. 3l, sh hd. 2min 31.71sec.

4.0 (4.3) BLACKMANTLE STAKES (£1,114: 6f)

Early Tudor, b f, by Royalty—Early Rose (J. Styles), 3-7-7 ... J. Blanks (8-1) 1
Marshall McCloud ... P. Cook (9-1) 2
Ishalchew ... R. Muddle (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Mallaboo (4th), 5-2 Balante, 9-1 Gaugain, 20-1 Miss Kung Fu, 33-1 Venetia, Nomadsky, Track Star, Roman Smile, Young Amanda. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, Early Tudor, 53p; Marshall McCloud, 36p; places, Early Tudor, 25p; Marshall McCloud, 31p; Ishalchew, 18p; dual forecast, £4.68. Early Tudor, A. Ingham, at Headley; Marshall McCloud, N. Vigors, at Upper Lambourn. Dd ht, 1l. 1min 10.45sec.

4.30 (4.31) CHIPPENDALE STAKES (£950: 1m)

Jaymor, br c, by Tal Dewan—Lydia (P. Kelleway), 3-8-8 ... P. Eddery (13-8 fav) 1
Partnerplan ... A. Bond (12-1) 2
Raisspell ... P. Waldron (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Avon Salmon (4th), Multiply, 12-1 McNicholas, 33-1 Our Tich, Lord Perryband, Stuart Pearson. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 11p, 17p, 29p; dual forecast, 75p. P. Kelleway, at Newmarket. Sh hd, 2½l. 2min 01.77sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Coquito's Prince and Early Tudor, £60.06; Coquito's Prince and Marshall McCloud, £43.90. TREBLE: King Kappa, Hang-on Elvis and Jaymor, £8.10. JACKPOT: Not won. PLACEPOT: £31.90.

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Great Yarmouth programme

2.15 DENIS BUSHBY STAKES (2-y-o: £1,459: 7f)

2 402102 Viking Skipper, N. Callaghan, 9-5 ... P. Eddery 2
11 102 Wixoe Belle, T. Waugh, 9-0 ... A. Bond 8
12 00 Barrow, B. Wragg, 8-11 ... G. Baxter 6
13 Faris, R. Sheather, 8-11 ... R. Street 1
16 00 Flying Gold, J. Winter, 8-11 ... A. Kimberley 4
17 Heath Barn, H. Wragg, 8-11 ... D. Gibson 9
19 Kleiner Manny, W. Marshall, 8-11 ... R. Marshall 7
21 23 Spring To Life, L. Cumani, 8-11 ... P. Cook 5
22 02 Viribus, M. Stoute, 8-11 ... F. Durr 4

11-10 Spring To Life, 9-4 Varibus, 6-1 Wixoe Belle, 10-1 Viking Skipper, 12-1 Barrow, 16-1 Kleiner Manny, 20-1 others.

2.45 NEWTOWN SELLING HANDICAP (£670: 7f)

1 020000 Royal Friend (B), M. Salaman, 4-10-0 ... A. Kimberley 1
3 01000-0 Red Fox (D), C. Fryer, 6-9-0 ... R. Curant 17
5 0000 Desert Spy, P. Haslam, 3-8-10 ... B. Jago 6
6 00100 Ron's Sign Centre, J. Sutcliffe, 3-8-9 ... W. Carson 9
8 000000 Boxberger Tree, M. Ryan, 3-8-8 ... D. Maitland 3
10 040133 Bella Nova (D), J. Mulhall, 4-8-7 ... C. Dwyer 9
12 130p00 Dusky Warrior (D), B. Richmond, 4-8-6 ... P. Cook 5
13 000042 Highland Player (C), B. Richmond, 7-8-4 ... J. Haynes 14
14 230-000 Rare Beauty, J. Skilling, 4-8-3 ... W. Wharton 15
16 020023 Coal Bag Kate, R. Hobson, 5-8-0 ... R. Still 11
17 000000 Just Tempest (B), L. Docker, 5-7-13 ... — 8
18 0-00000 Laurestino (B), L. Docker, 3-7-11 ... — 15
19 0-23324 Sleke Princess, J. Fitzgerald, 3-7-10 ... G. Duffield 12
20 040040 Little Sir (B), K. Ivory, 3-7-10 ... K. Leason 7
22 000400 Read's Boy, J. S. Turner, 5-7-8 ... D. McKay 10
23 0-00000 Hayburn, P. Haslam, 3-7-7 ... D. McKeown 4
24 002000 Birthday Wish, K. Ivory, 3-7-7 ... C. Rodrigues 16

3-1 Sleke Princess, 7-2 Bella Nova, 9-2 Highland Player, 6-1 Coal Bag Kate, 8-1 Ron's Sign Centre, 9-1 Little Sir, 10-1 Birthday Wish, 12-1 Boxberger Tree, 14-1 others.

3.15 GOLDEN JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,825 1m 2f)

2 010312 Boxberger Prins (B), M. Ryan, 9-10 ... D. Maitland 10
4 04210 Kalimir, L. Cumani, 9-2 ... P. Cook 7
5 314200 Hashofet (D), A. Ingham, 9-2 ... J. Blanks 5
9 02104 Jubilee Prince (D), D. Morley, 8-4 ... B. Rouse 2
13 432120 Larryr (BF), N. Callaghan, 8-1 ... P. Eddery 9
13 000002 Emilia, H. Wragg, 7-10 ... G. Duffield 4
14 402033 Ma Famille, R. Vibert, 7-13 ... W. Carson 6
15 004000 Telecommunication, W. Marshall, 7-11 ... P. Perlans 1
17 000000 Jack Splendid, R. Bannon, 7-7 ... D. McKay 8
19 0214 Concorn, M. Prescott, 7-7 ... R. Still 3

9-4 Ma Famille, 4-1 Hashofet, 6-1 Emilia, 11-2 Kalimir, 8-1 Boxberger Prins, Larryr, 10-1 Concorn, 12-1 Jubilee Prince, 16-1 others.

3.45 NELSON HANDICAP (£1,312: 1m 6f)

1 032013 Junella (BF), T. Waugh, 4-10-0 ... R. Muddle 4
4 141221 Eastern Spring (CD), L. Cumani, 4-9-7 ... P. Cook 11
8 12-2240 Treasure Island, J. A. Turner, 4-8-8 ... K. Leason 8
9 023310 Princely Fool (CD), B. Palling, 3-8-8 ... G. Baxter 2
10 3-00212 Watch Out (C) (BF), M. Stoute, 3-8-5 ... F. Durr 12
13 341320 Fata Morgana, D. Weeden, 3-7-12 ... S. Jarvis 9
13 304200 Lady of York (B), G. Blum, 4-7-8 ... W. Carson 7
14 020103 Boxberger Cook, M. Ryan, 3-7-7 ... D. Maitland 3
16 403144 Dulcidene, A. Goodwill, 4-7-7 ... C. Rodrigues 10
17 33-0300 Hamish, G. P.-Gordon, 7-7-7 ... J. Hayland 1

4-1 Watch Out, 9-2 Eastern Spring, 6-1 Junella, Lady of York, 8-1 Boxberger Cook, 10-1 Princely Fool, Dulcidene, 12-1 Fata Morgana, 16-1 others.

4.15 HASTINGS STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £1,164: 6f)

1 Abdicate, W. Holden, 9-0 ... — 3
3 000 Baltarian, J. Winter, 9-0 ... G. Duffield 7
5 043 Billona, N. Adam, 9-0 ... D. McKay 7
7 0 Elderberry, T. Molony, 9-0 ... P. Madden 10
11 00 Handsome Kid, G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 1
14 02 Jagatek, W. H.-Bass, 9-0 ... A. Bond 11
17 0 Jodik, R. Jarvis, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 1
18 0023 Spithead Review (BF), B. Hobbs, 9-0 ... J. Lynch 2
26 00400 Uncle Gricha (B), K. Ivory, 9-0 ... K. Leason 12
30 000 Elsa Clara, W. Guest, 8-11 ... D. Ryan 5
36 Rushley Island, H. Westbrook, 8-11 ... B. Rouse 6
41 Silver Tips, T. Waugh, 8-11 ... J. Reid 8

4-5 Spithead Review, 3-1 Silver Tips, 6-1 Jagatek, 8-1 Billona, 12-1 Jodik, 14-1 others.

4.45 BECCLES STAKES (3-y-o: £939: 1m 3f 100yds)

2 043034 Azd, M. Masson, 9-0 ... A. Bond 1
5 043-020 Derring Gift (BF), M. Stoute, 9-0 ... F. Durr 2
6 440030 Duke, R. Jarvis, 9-0 ... M. Fry 10
8 00-20 Ojibway (BF), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 3
9 000004 Dallian, M. E. Francis, 9-0 ... J. Reid 6
10 0- River Jordan, J. Walker, 9-0 ... — 11
13 0- Vaubezon, D. Morley, 9-0 ... B. Rouse 8
14 000344 Wolvey Sovereign, B. Richmond, 9-0 ... P. Cook 4
15 00030 Yossarian (B), J. Harris, 9-0 ... S. Bedley 7
17 03000 Coralea, J. Winter, 8-11 ... W. Carson 5
20 000334 Record Choice, G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 ... M. Rimmer 9

2-1 Ojibway, 5-1 Azd, 9-2 Derring Gift, 7-1 Coralea, 10-1 Record Choice, 11-1 Wolvey Sovereign, Yossarian, 16-1 others.

5.15 HASTINGS STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £1,157: 6f)

4 Bananas Foster, M. Stoute, 9-0 ... F. Durr 11
6 0 Bill Bullet, W. Guest, 9-0 ... D. Yates 7
9 00 Danny (B), R. Sheather, 9-0 ... R. Street 1
13 0 General Supreme, J. Powney, 9-0 ... — 6
15 0220 Hodson Hero (BF), J. Hindley, 9-0 ... A. Kimberley 2
24 0 Sebastiano (BF), L. Cumani, 9-0 ... P. Cook 3
28 00000 Thyme Pail, A. Jarvis, 9-0 ... S. Jarvis 12
35 Contrapuntal, W. H.-Bass, 8-11 ... A. Bond 5
38 00 Piccadilly Gold, J. Sutcliffe, 8-11 ... B. Raymond 10
40 0200 Santaclaire, B. Collingridge, 8-11 ... P. Eddery 4
41 Tansor, W. Holden, 8-11 ... I. Johnson 9
43 000 Wheatley (B), D. Thom, 8-11 ... — 8

4-7 Sebastiano, 4-1 Hodson Hero, 6-1 Piccadilly Gold, 10-1 Bananas Foster, 14-1 Santaclaire, 20-1 others.

Great Yarmouth

2.15 (2.20) NORTH DENES HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,416: 6f)

Gold Prospector, b g, by Gold Rod—Prairie Girl, (C. Drivers), 7-7 ... R. Street (5-3 fav) 1
Phyllis Ayres ... P. Robinson (13-2) 2
Makar-Match ... L. Jenkinson (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Araby, 15-2 Rica (4th), 8-1 J. E. B. Stuart, 10-1 Judicial, St Terramar, 14-1 Sound the Brass, 16-1 W. G. Grace, 25-1 Hilariana, 33-1 Barents Beard, Star Kid. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 12p, 34p, 63p; dual forecast, 87p. B. Armstrong, at Newmarket. ¾l, 1½l.

2.45 (2.50) BROOKE STAKES (2-y-o: £655: 6f)

Lady Bluetran, b f, by Irish Love—Silver Anniversary (B. Shovelton, North Wales Ltd), 8-8 ... G. Duffield (11-4 fav) 1
Long Meadow ... G. Baxter (15-2) 2
Nozomi ... F. Durr (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Pall Packer, 9-2 Shiny Willow, 15-2 Spanish Philia, 10-1 Beckinsale (4th), 20-1 Foreign Agent, Yeh, 25-1 Lilac Star, 33-1 Polly's Folly, The Mo, Bill's Olive, Damsnob, Greasby Girl, Ye Gentle Chilide. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, 63p; places, 24p, 28p, 76p; dual forecast, £2.24. J. Skilling, at Malton. ¾l, sh hd. Winner brought in for 1,500 guineas.

3.15 (3.21) JACK LEADER MEMORIAL HANDICAP (2-y-o: £3,340: 7f)

Contralto, ch f, by Busted—Lyrical (The Queen), 9-2 ... W. Carson (6-1) 1
Chancery Bloom ... G. Baxter (11-2) 2
Cavalsky ... B. Raymond (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Alibor Rub, 5-1 Another Nickel, 6-1 Gregorian (4th), 8-1 Globehill, 16-1 Havenhill Lad, 25-1 Just Jim, The Weaver, Thorganby Tina. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 19p, 15p, 87p; dual forecast, £1.31. W. Hastings-Bass, at Newmarket. Nk, 2l. Lolita, Lohmann did not run.

3.40 (3.48) REEVOR STAKES (£966: 1m 6f)

Down To Darkie, ch c, by Shantung—Nutting Grove (M. Sinclair), 8-11 ... P. Young (33-1) 1
Majan ... A. Kimberley (4-5 fav) 2
Kye-Hye ... W. Carson (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Headwind (4th), 8-1 Celtic Canon, 10-1 Screen Goddess, 16-1 Kashta, Masterenko, 33-1 Grove Park, Nine ran.

TOTE: Win, £4.38; places, 96p, 18p, 18p; dual forecast, £8.95. W. Holden, at Newmarket. ½l, 3l. Never Lost did not run.

4.15 (4.18) YARMOUTH SEPTEMBER HANDICAP (£1,444: 1m)

Fearless Lad, b g, by Gold Rod—Fearless Lady (Sir G. Glover), 4-7-10 bl ... G. Duffield (8-1) 1
Cas Run ... W. Carson (4-1 fav) 2
Lady Pes ... D. Durr (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ivan Ivanovic (4th), 15-2 Celestial Gem, 9-1 Jazz King, 11-1 Startingo, 12-1 Hackbridge, Prince of Light, 33-1 Green Dancer, Cindasong. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 83p; places, 22p, 13p, 80p; dual forecast, £1.25. T. Waugh, at Newmarket. 3l, sh hd.

4.45 (4.48) NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK STAKES (£1,031: 1m 2f)

Robbie Lad, b c, by Roberto—Alyce Clover (J. Fisher), 3-8-5 ... P. Young (5-2) 1
Sharik ... R. Street (7-1) 2
One Asma ... A. Kimberley (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Pallkari (4th), 9-2 Bowater House, 12-1 True Target, 40-1 Pearl Noir, Venjala, Italian Connection, Mistaken. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 47p; places, 16p, 17p, 40p; dual forecast, 96p. W. Holden, at Newmarket. 1½l, hd. Grade Well did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Contralto and Fearless Lad, £93.85. TREBLE: Lady Bluetran, Down to Darkie and Robbie Lad, £171.45.

Hereford NH

2.15 (2.16) DINMORE HURDLE (Div I: novices: £390: 2m)

Combiast, b c, by Blast—Heron's Dolly, 10-10 S. Morshead (11-1) 1
Mobienayr ... J. J. O'Neill (5-1) 2
Hurlless ... R. Kington (7-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Supreme Appeal, 10-1 Leywood Boy, 20-1 Gilmon Girl (4th), Sable Pieces (4th), 33-1 Rosey Mirage (f). 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 20p, 18p, 11p; dual forecast, 67p. J. Peacock, at Ludlow. Sh hd, 3l.

2.45 (2.46) YARSOP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £780: 2m)

Gay Coll, ch g, by Red God—Gay's the Word, 8-10 P. Tuck (100-30) 1
Dornie ... J. Gebbie (4-1) 2
Stanway Lad ... K. Whyte (11-8 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Collins (4th), 13-1 Buffalo Bill, 33-1 Rosebrook. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 15p, 37p; dual forecast, 55p. D. A. Pearman, at East Ilsley. 1½l, 4l. Mighty Marine did not run.

3.15 (3.16) DINMORE HURDLE (Div II: novices: £379: 2m)

Alexbroc, ch g, by Grualle—Alex 11-6 ... J. J. O'Neill (9-2) 1
Elect ... K. Whyte (12-1) 2
Splendid Again ... R. Smart (6-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Zingo, 50-1 Scinto's Boy (4th), Broadway Belle, Miss Dike (f). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 47p; places, 16p, 24p; dual forecast, 87p. D. McCain, at Southport. ½l, 5l.

3.45 (3.48) WESTHOPE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £775: 3m)

Nicholas Nickleby II, ch g, by Scottish Venture—... (breeding unknown), 10-10 ... B. R. Evans (11-10 fav) 1
Carib Royal Mrs J. Hembrow (5-2) 2
Even Cooler ... B. Smart (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Hallz (4th), 16-1 Kick On (pu). 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 15p; dual forecast, 24p. P. Taylor, at Swindon. 8l, nk.

4.15 (4.18) WORMSLEY HURDLE (Handicap: £572: 2m)

Niagara Rhythm, br m, by Military—Aracalita, 5-11-8 A. Webber (2-1) 1
Dusky Damsel ... P. Hobbs (5-4 fav) 2
Court Circus ... N. Tinkler (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 66-1 Ludbello (4th), Bo'sel (pu). 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; dual forecast, 15p. J. Webber, at Banbury. 15l, 12l.

4.45 (4.45) HOLE IN THE WALL STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £...: 2m)

First of Fool, br m, by Hardicanute—Always Loyal, 6-10-11 ... I. Stoker (11-2) 1
Octave ... R. Kington (6-1) 2
Simone Martini ... R. Mann (2-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Spanish Main (4th), 7-2 Faint Hope (f), 10-1 Royal Speech (f). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 11p, 3...; dual forecast, £1.33. R. Clift, at Marsh. 1l, 30l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Alexbroc, Niagara Rhythm, £19.20. TREBLE: Gay Coll, Nicholas Nickleby II, First of Fool, £37.50.

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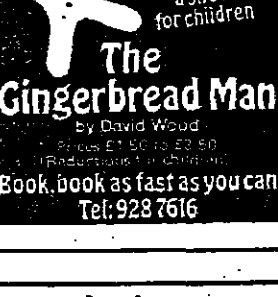
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THE ARTS

Pictorial short story

Premiere
BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

The gimmick behind *Premiere* on BBC 2 is that young directors make their debuts as television film makers. It is not a bad idea. But Douglas Livingstone's *Crest of a Wave* last night was such a well written and well acted play that the viewer tended to forget that Peter Bartlett was directing it. Perhaps a director could not have a better recommendation. Mr Livingstone's play showed how well suited the short story is to television. There is no real market in print nowadays for a short story but there is television and it is crying out for well-made stories. Mr Livingstone certainly proved that with his tale of two former Scouts (Denholm Elliott and Ian Hendry) who meet after a number of years, that a simple story with strong characterization is a winner. Mr Elliott played a former King's Scout who had fallen on hard times and was seeking a *job from* a boy he had once bossed about. Michael Kemp and David Parfitt played the Scouts; the action of the play, a luncheon party in the southern suburbs, was intercut with flashbacks of the men's scouting days.

Crest of a Wave has the neatness of a *New Yorker* magazine story. One thought particularly of that master short story writer, John O'Hara. Like an O'Hara story, the piece was heavy with petty-minded snobbery. Little slights were remembered and revenged in later years. Nifty, the Ian Hendry character, basically did not like Jim (Denholm Elliott) because Jim had won a place at grammar school and had never allowed Nifty into Jim's house. There was something terribly small and suburban about the play.

It was hard to believe that an old school chum would make a fellow crawl like Nifty made Jim crawl. But Mr Elliott is so good at those creepy parts that the viewer enjoyed watching him. One could believe such things happen in life.

Douglas Livingstone produced a fine vehicle for Mr Elliott's essential creepiness and Mr Hendry's basic hardness, and it was well-served by Peter Bartlett's unobtrusive direction. If *Premiere* is to continue giving viewers stories like this, it will be well worth watching.

Would The Real Judy Garland Please . .

New End

Ned Chaillet

Five years ago the Theatre at New End was transformed from its previous use into one of the most comfortable small theatres in London. Until then, it had been a Hampstead mortuary, servicing the New End hospital. Since then, it has had only the ghost of success that such a transformation might have promised. There were a few individual plays that drew *audiences*, but until last year's American season there were no recognizable policies and only now, with the season begun with Susannah York playing Albert Nobbs, does it begin to look as if it might thrive.

Would the Real Judy Garland Please . . . is being offered as a *nightcap* to the evening's earlier show, *Tribute to Lily Lamont*. Where *Lily Lamont* is about a fabricated celluloid heroine, *Judy Garland* is genuinely a tribute to the lady, but one that does not shy away from the pain, the pills and the shattered marriages.

The intentional blur of imitation, which stalks Garland's ghost in drag shows and television homages, is used by Elaine Loudon for something much more than mimicry. She performs the songs, much as Garland did at different times of her life, but she offers more than one imitation. She is Alice of Alice's Bar in Los Angeles standing in as Garland for Vincente Minnelli, she is the old Garland, stripped by the Tin Man and the Straw Man to become the young Judy of *The Wizard of Oz*, and she is the ravaged Garland of the worst days, barely able to complete her concerts.

It is not precisely an entertainment that Miss Loudon and her director, Terry Jacobs, have devised. There is too much truthfulness and pathos in her performance for that. She is *indeed effervescent* when that is in Garland's character, but she is also movingly anguished when she struggles on the floor with an actor portraying Sidney Luft. For that moment she makes Garland's pills seem more important than her songs, but when she sings, even without Garland's piercing clarity, she brings to mind the glory of Garland at her best.

There are three actors supporting Miss Loudon, and a four-piece band who wittily accompany the songs, but it is the intense feeling of her performance and the range of emotions she compacts into 80 minutes that is memorable. Hampstead is a better place at night for Miss Loudon's performance.

Contrapuncti

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

With the fiftieth anniversary of Janacek's death not so very long past, Contrapuncti aptly chose to spotlight two of his less frequently heard works in the opening concert of their new season under Michael Lankester. Since the programme also included music by Stravinsky not encountered all that often either, the group deserved a much bigger audience.

It was particularly good to renew acquaintance with Janacek's Capriccio for left-hand and wind ensemble, written at much the same time as Ravel, Prokofiev and Strauss produced left-handed works, though not, like theirs, designed for Paul Wittgenstein but for the similarly war-damaged Czech pianist Otkar Hollmann. The title is apt for it is music of swift-changing mood, rather than long and earnest argument. The Scherzo is unashamedly humorous. Yet it is vintage Janacek for all that, with bursts of warmth in first and last movements leaving no *doubt of the Indian Summer in* which he was living at the time. The soloist, Ian Brown, rose generously to these moments. Brilliant scales in the Scherzo were not always sufficiently cutting but for the most part keyboard light and dark brass were effectively contrasted, with nice phrasing of the plaintive main theme of the Adagio.

Instrumental colouring was even more ear-catching in Janacek's "Rikadla" suite of nursery rhymes, done in its later (1927) amplified scoring, with Robert Tear and Margaret Cable revelling in piquant characterization alongside the RCM Junior Department Choir. Goodness knows what their Czech was like, but there was no doubting that they were right inside the humorous or mock-sad neo-primitive style. Small as it was, the audience could scarcely wait to applaud.

Stravinsky's *Cantata* was sterner stuff for the same singers, but probably the composer would have preferred this young choir's uncultivated, grainy tone to female fruitiness. Miss Cable and Mr Tear rang out clearly while not taking all our attention away from the works instrumental ingenuities. Mr Tear's blend of verbal clarity and shapely line paid even richer dividends in the succinct, keen edged *In memoriam Dylan Thomas*, though the instrumental prelude and postlude struck me as less telling than they can be.

Some of the reviews on this page appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.



Andreas Katsulas

Photograph by Donald C

Ubu

Young Vic

Irving Wardle

Predicting Peter Brook's next move is obviously a waste of time, but one would have felt pretty safe in listing yesterday's avant-garde texts among the things he would certainly not do next.

Wrong again. The moment for the *Ubu* cycle arrived for us in the mid-1960s, fell with a dull thud on the stage of the Royal Court, since when the British theatre has spurned Jarry's monster as a schoolboy joke inflated beyond his deserts by avant garde theorists. *Ubu* may be alive and well in France, but in Britain he is overdue for reclamation and he certainly gets it in this marvellous touring production by Brook's International Centre of Theatre Research, which makes the plays funnier than their keenest advocates ever cracked them up to be.

The evening consists of two parts of the cycle *Ubu the King* and *Ubu Chained*: the first showing his famed career as the brutal conqueror of Poland, the second showing him returning to his homeland to embark on an even more arrogant career as a slave. This *pairing gives* the programme more intellectual sinew that you expect from this author, and shows Jarry gleefully desecrating the sacred French concepts of glory and freedom. The second play, for instance, contains a scene of "freedom drill" in which those who disobey orders get a smacking kiss from one *Corporal* Pissedoux.

However, if ever there was a playwright who needed a master director to release his hidden fires, it is Jarry; and Brook's troupe work marvels in establishing a sense of circus in which everything dances, including the dialogue.

In one respect, Brook follows Jarry's instructions. As specified, the set could have been lifted from a rubbish dump. It consists of two old cable drums and a few bricks; and the multiple purposes to which these are put form one of the main pleasures. Piled on top of each other, the drums become Ubu's throne; rolled along they become chariots.

The performance takes place with the house lights on, so that when Mère Ubu goes looking for treasure we simultaneously see her blundering abo… in the crypt with her nigh… light and also asking someo… in the front row to help h… shift a paving stone.

Audience contact of the mo… natural and unaffected kind … another of the pleasures. B… Brook's most important com… decision is to relieve the fl…ness of Jarry's dialogue … playing it in two language… French and American, not s… much franglais as from … *Obviously useful for a touri…* show, this also has the effe… of undercutting the m… Comédie-Française posturi… striking with hard-hat Runy…esque derision: or, in the ca… of Bruce Myers's cigar-smoki… Tsar, the style of a battlefie… movie mogul.

Among a brilliantly doubli… and tumbling company, th… central pair are monumental… played by Andreas Katsulas an… Michèle Collison, who proje… Ubu and his monster spouse a… comic giants, indestructibl… alive no matter what regrettable aspects of the French tempera…ment they may embody. The… go through manifold transfor…mations of greed, brutality, lus… and physical terror, but alwa… maintaining their playful dire… contact with the house, an… always in the certainty that th… will survive.

New Maxwell Davies ballet

For his first new production since giving up the direction of the Royal Danish Ballet this summer, Flemming Flindt has *an ambitious project in hand*. He told me: "I am very pleased and excited that Peter Maxwell Davies has agreed to write a full-length ballet for me, two acts of 45 minutes each, on the subject of Salome.

"I think it is very flattering that *such an important composer* is prepared to spend six months doing this. He is not a man to accept an invitation unless he really believes in it. He has all the work he can do and has no need to do something just to further his career, only if it interests him.

"The ballet is being sponsored by Denmark's Television, and we shall present it in Copenhagen for a series of performances, we hope as many as 60, which are due to start on November 3 in the old Circus Building in the heart of Copenhagen, close by Tivoli. It has been a dream of mine, for many years now, to use this theatre for dance; it is a beautiful building with a good-sized stage.

"If we have a success, at least 70,000 people can see *Salome* during that series of performances, which is as many as go to see ballet in the Royal Theatre in a year. Of course there is just one difficulty if you go to someone like Maxwell Davies. I know absolutely that he will provide a very good score, but there is the risk that he might write something that is rather sophisticated for the audience we have to attract. I mentioned this to him, very gently, and he saw exactly what I meant. 'That's true', he said, 'you don't want a masterpiece and no audience.'

"The people who are sponsoring the ballet asked me first if I could perhaps use the pop group who wrote *The Triumph of Death*, but I told them no. Their music was right for that work, which was at the same time the music of the supermarket and the voice of doom, but you cannot repeat a success like that.

"We have a *fine* composer in Denmark, Per Norgaard, who could have written the music for *Salome*, but he was busy with an opera. So I asked people, who are the best composers in Europe today? I had three lists from different sources and Maxwell Davies's name was on all three.

"The ballet will be based on the Bible story, but I hope to see it in a contemporary way. Flaubert wrote about Salome a… part of a political struggle, an… I think that is right: a strugg… between the Jews and th… Arabs, with the Romans as th… superpower in the backgroun… Which is not so different fro… what happens today.

"And Salome herself I thi… is like some women today, t… young women with Baade… Meinhoff, for instance, a… others who are involved in su… movements. They are all fro… well-off families, you kno… they are not poor, and it see… to me they become like that … a kind of revolt because th… are ashamed of their families."

Flindt's wife Vivi will pl… the title role, with Flindt … Herod, Lizzie Rode as Herodi… and Johnny Eliasen (on lea… from the Royal Danish Balle… as Jokanaan. And if the pr…duction is a success?

"Well, we shall have to se… but I would like to think th… the Circus Building mig… become a permanent home f… dance theatre in Copenhagen. … don't have any plans just y… to do *Salome* anywhere else. B… clearly if you work with … composer like Maxwell Davi… it becomes more than just … local event."

John Perciv…

London debuts

A neatly calculated account of the Poulenc Flute Sonata opened Jacqueline Hofto's recital on September 11, sensitive and sometimes surprising phrasing being secured by her firm technical control and intelligent musicianship. Karl Czerny's Duo Concertante Op 129 might easily have become a mere exercise in virtuosity had it not been for the inspired partnership of Miss Hofto and Timothy Salter; instead, the first-movement Allegro was a delightful game in sound, with themes tossed delicately between flute and piano.

If anyone approaching Henwell Tircuit's *Halcyon*, receiving its first British performance on this occasion, had expected a more aggressive piece from this percussionist and critic, they would have been surprised by the air of gentle nostalgia evoked by largely conventional means. Equally resourceful was Timothy Salter's own *Three Pieces for Flute and Piano* (also a first performance) and both works were given sympathetic treatment.

The programme selected by the Jamaican pianist Eleanor Alberga the following night was likewise well conceived and pleasingly unhackneyed. It might almost have been designed to exploit Miss Alberga's strong point, namely her rhythmic sense, for this came through well both in Bartók's *Out of Doors* suite and in two groups of pieces of Latin-American orientation. A lively if not entirely satisfactory performance of George Gershwin's *Three Preludes* opened the recital, to be matched by the slightly less characterful *Three Jamaican Dances* of Oswald Russell in the second half. The failure to realize all the nuances in the Gershwin had a more serious effect in "The Night's Music" of the Bartók suite, where one was made too aware of the notation and too little of the prevailing atmosphere.

In Schumann's *Etudes Symphoniques* a certain stolidity resulted from the same failing, though the technical problems were gallantly surmounted.

Finally, a warm welcome to a new group of players of Baroque instruments, the Raglan Baroque Players. On September 14, a rhythmically alert and generally confident performance of Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 2 under Nicholas Kraemer was followed by the same composer's D Minor Organ Concerto Op 7 No 4, with Mr Kraemer as the able, but not infallible, soloist. After a somewhat incoherent opening movement, the concerto was full of excellent things. The superbly controlled singing of Jennifer Smith (soprano) and Peter Knapp (baritone) in Handel's cantata *Apollo e Dafne* seemed to raise the standard, if possible, yet higher. I am already looking forward to my next encounter with this ensemble.

Barry Millington

LSSO/Bedford/Bigg

Festival Hall

Max Harrison

Like other such organizations, the Inner London Education Authority Schools Symphony Orchestra, now in its 27th year, was founded to provide opportunities for young instrumentalists to gain experience of playing in a large ensemble. To judge from this concert, it obtains better results than many, and attempts a more enterprising repertoire.

A good instance of the last point is Bruce Cole's Intrada, commissioned for the orchestra's recent Scandinavian tour and receiving its first London hearing. Brief yet imaginative, it is scored for brass and percussion, and created quite an impression, not least for the firmly accurate performance that the conductor, Steuart Bedford, was able to produce.

Berwald's Overture "The Queen of Golconda" demonstrated the excellent balance prevailing between all departments of the full ensemble, and proved to be a delightfully fanciful piece in itself, even if owing a considerable debt to *Mendelssohn*. Still another echo of the Scandinavian tour was Lars-Erik Larsson's Diver…mento, a short, benign work … three cheerfully logical mo…ments. It received a suitab… tidy performance.

In Grieg's Piano Concerto t… soloist, John Bigg, displayed … great subtlety, was rather co…sistently hard-toned in fa… bringing little light and sha… but a fair number of inaccu…cies to the music. Yet th… orchestral accompaniment w… remarkably assured and co…tained a number of specifica… good things, such as t… strings' tone, particularly wh… muted, in the slow movement.

Easily the most demandi… work attempted was Britte… Sinfonia da Requiem. This … not a piece that I can enjoy … the least, yet it represented … fine achievement for the… young players, above all in th… sustained intensity of the ope…ing Lacrymosa.

Another first London pe…formance was of David Be…ford's Alleluia Timpanis, co…missioned for the King's Lyn… Festival in 1976. Short an… thick-textured, this was anothe… strenuous piece. It is based o… a fourteenth-century tune th… is taken up by various sectio… of the orchestra until a lou… climax is reached. Perhaps i… is more fun to play than … hear.

Ayckbourn transfer

The National Theatre's production of *Bedroom Farce* by Alan Ayckbourn will transfer to London's West End for a run of eleven weeks, starting at the Prince of Wales Theatre on November 6.

At the end of January th… production, with Michael Goug… and Polly Adams returning t… the cast, will visit first Toront… and then the Kennedy Centre… Washington before starting … Broadway run.

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NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Laugh out loud

t often that I laugh out hen reading a book for n which is intended to be Low moans are more like it a pleasure then to dis- Helen Cresswell's Bag- Family—first of all in ry Jack (Faber, £3.25). mbers of the family are intelligent (most of them o be geniuses) extremely ite, selfish, amusing, with of steel and a relentless n (particularly on the Grandma and four-year- isy) to be firmly in the ht. Father is a TV script Mother answers letters agony column. Of four n William (a genius at ng and electronics) Tess lack belt, reads Voltaire ach), and Rosie (swim- nd painting) only Jack in the title, ordinary. Cousin Daisy likes light- s. Grandma likes argu- Uncle Parker, Daisy's was prevented from re- his house (The Knoll) Knoll only by his wife, elia (famous for poetry, g pots and doing *The* crossword in under 10 s) threatening to leave

other very important er is Jack's dog, Zero, tic mongrel, whom every- t Jack despises. Much to everyone's shock and anger, this frightful, dim creature becomes the star of a television commercial, in Absolute Zero (Faber, £3.50), following the Bagthorpes's enthusiasm for filling in coupons and winning competitions. Most unfortunately, they win the Happiest Family competition run by a TV company, and the extraordinary events at the Christmas party (staged for the cameras) crosses over the frontier from Light Entertainment and becomes News.

The third volume, Bagthorpes Unlimited (Faber, £3.95) begins with a burglary (the burglar sends the stuff back, with an angry note) and Grandma, much affected, feels she would like a family reunion. Not a good idea, according to the younger set, who heartily detest their goody-goody cousins, who are even cleverer than they are; the unholy alliance plots to be rid of them. *The Sunday Times* plans to interview Mr Bagthorpe—Henry Bagthorpe, life and work—*that*, he feels, will show them! It is, of course, entirely predictable, in an unpredictable kind of Bagthorpe way, that *The Sunday Times* team will arrive the same day as the combined attempt to beat the giant Daisy Chain record (according to Guinness) being made by the rest of the family in the garden in the pouring rain.

I love the Bagthorpes: I hope everyone else will too...

Philippa Toomey

Play way method

Breaktime
By Aidan Chambers
(Bodley Head, £3.25)

When I was a student teacher there was a lot of talk about play-way methods of teaching English. Engagement. Cozen your pupils into learning (John Locke).

From the blurb to *Breaktime* I find that Mr Chambers was a teacher—and bless me, here he is trying out play-way methods through his novel. Looked at from one direction it's a pretty trite story, the kind of thing served up in some of the "Topliner" paperbacks which Mr Chambers edits, but looked at from another it's a stagey demonstration of literary artifice.

Ditto—the schoolboy hero—suffers at home from Generation Gap and Hoggart Syndrome. To alleviate matters he goes off camping and enjoys a rowdy night with the lads and a sensual *après-midi* with Helen. Then he goes home to Mum, purged. At the same time, though, he is engaged with his fellow sixth-former, Morgan, in a Great Debate on the irrelevance of Literature to Life, and Ditto's camping adventures are cast as a "fiction" prepared by Ditto himself.

Wheels, therefore, gentle reader, revolve within wheels—and, to make matters even more shifty, Chambers/Ditto (get the joke?) deploy a variety of fictional methods to make their point. Those stalwarts of the "Topliner" series Wallace Hildick and Paul Zindel rub denim-coated shoulders incongruously with Sterne and *poésie concrète* and James Joyce. (But while Ditto confesses to having got only as far as page 27 in *Ulysses*, Chambers has clearly reached at least page 350).

Altogether, though, it's a gallant attempt to rescue teenage fiction from the worst of the story-paper clichés. I don't see how we can defend Mr Chambers against the charge that all his narrative switches and alienation effects serve to hide a latent sentimentality—even though setting his love-scene as a three-part fugue, with Dr Snock in the bass, is a change from "all became a burning mist". Nevertheless Ditto's defence of fiction has an interesting kick in its hind hoof, which will wake up adolescent readers at least.

Heather Renshaw



Rex Whistler's scraper-board drawing for "The Naughty Boy", one of the many designs that he prepared for an edition of the "Fairy Tales" of Hans Christian Andersen. The book was first published in 1935 and has now been reissued with all the illustrations reproduced from fresh blocks. It is a beautifully crisp production, with Whistler's craftsmanship outshining the decidedly pedestrian translation of the stories. (Bodley Head, £5.95.)

Left hand, right hand

Capitalism
By P. Donaldson and H. Pollins
Communism
By Rex Winsbury
(Both Hamish Hamilton, £4.50)
How Shall I Vote
Edited by Hardiman Scott
(Bodley Head, £2.75)

The political education of children is a process fraught with tension and difficulty. A growing number of teachers' and other bodies express anxiety about the low place it usually takes in the curriculum; and such evidence as exists about the political literacy of school-leavers reveals it to be depressingly inadequate. At the same time, other people (and sometimes the same ones) utter squeals of apprehension at the danger of bias in the classroom. Civics teaching is acceptable, it seems, as long as it is totally value-free.

I do not myself believe this is a realistic ambition: nor, taking the whole spectrum of political literacy, is it a desirable one.

The Hamish Hamilton books on political ideas can be warmly recommended. Earlier volumes dealt with Fascism and Socialism. The books summarize, within a hundred well-illustrated pages each, the history of the four major ideologies of the twentieth century. Each explores the real meaning of the ism in question, the controversies among its adherents, its political impact, its strengths and weaknesses. The books have the merits of good journalism. They are concise, thorough, competently if not elegantly written, and truthful.

Mr Hardiman Scott's little election primer is a different matter. Worthy representatives of each political party—Shirley Williams, James Prior, David Steel, Gordon Wilson and others—recite their history, objectives and major policies. Within a limited ambition, they are honest enough. But an unwary first-time voter reading Mrs Williams would be left in ignorance of the real forces which shape Labour policy: the Left-Right tensions, the trade union connexion, the feuding over nationalization, public spending and so on. Similarly, in Mr Prior's guide to the Tories there are no such rivals as Mr Heath and Mrs Thatcher, no such phenomena as Josephism or even Priorism. The journalistic rather than this propagandists' approach offers much the better service to the uninformed political mind.

Hugo Young

Us and Them

Ain't No Angels No More
ffrey Goodwin
s, £2.50; Fontana, 50p)

y, the tensions set up n Godfrey Goodwin's de- to narrate his story n the mouth of a school- th (for me) a somewhat incing line in catcher-in- ish monologue, and the of the tale itself in the f a simple parable or y, almost destroy the re of what turns out, in l, to be a highly interest- l entertaining first novel.

a narrative of Us and and the scene a decayed eer: bollards at one end, the other an almost sky- all behind which lies an m and perhaps unattain- ingdom. In the midst of material and spiritual less there appears the r figure of the Mysteri- ranger: in this case, a net who—merciful God! les like 10 smiles", has of pots of paint, never line in his life, believes to have been worn out the tongues of multitudes over them, misusing them", but whose practical philosophy includes the notion that "each brick is a poem to you who can see".

The characterization is mainly one-dimensional, the dream-like development of the plot a little predictable, and there is a slight odour of sanctity about many of the figures involved that I do not remember encountering so vividly since reading the "improving" children's novels of my days in the Sunday school. Yet, despite such earth-binding qualities, it rapidly becomes clear that one is listening to a man who lives and teaches in the guts of just such a community as he writes about. Such is the strength and authenticity of the author's central vision—of a society in which we are all desperately in need of each other—that the story suddenly compels attention, lifts-off, forces us irresistibly to accompany its hero on his discovery of new worlds in himself and in others.

This novel won first prize in a competition arranged by its publishers in the hope of discovering mss reflecting what is described as "multi-ethnic Britain". This fact quite apart, *There Ain't No Angels No More* also earns its salt, honourably and, convincingly, on its own account.

Charles Causley

Fighting hens

ix Busters
k King-Smith
ez, £2.25)

Farmer runs an old style happening, explains Dick nith, to be surnamed Far- ist as there are bakers Baker. On his farm hens free, laying in inconveni- aces and declining to be p at night. It follows that re at the mercy of the oxes—or would be if the h Farm fowls were not xamples of the working ral selection: they have ed the power of flight. rdless the foxpack still the odd pullet and at r enterprising youngsters r a terrible hen mass- they live to regret this, prompts the survivors, e also capable of rational t and concerted action, to eir revenge. And they it too with awful ghness.

they do this, I will not stated baldly it might a shade too improbable might dissuade you from what is above all a de- ly humorous first novel. its nicest touches is the h flock's habit of nam- s—members after the bits of writing to be around the farm. Thus ead rooster is called Harris and his wife, Spil- e flock has no idea what nes signify so that some o—like Beware Of—fall n the human ear. But lso ensure that those se rather formidable sters do not quite lose with the silly, aimless, able barnyard fowls ou and I are more fami- h.

David Wade

Crooked Santas

d Robbers
t and Allen Ahlberg
nann, £2.90)

nd Allan Ahlberg are sible. A couple of years had the convulsions of *ld Joke Book*—now re- s a paperback (Picture 70p); last year there n eccentric gallimaufry tale themes *Jeremiah in k Woods* (Kestrel, £2.75) ittle picture book about *Bill* (Heinemann, and now they have up this last criminal gation with *Cops and Robbers*. This time, though, the gang are a fiercer lot than Burglar Bill—who raided Burglar Betty and ended up by marrying her. Now we are dealing with Grabber Dan and Snatcher Jack and four other desperadoes who scour the town on Christmas Eve:

Like crooked Santas they creep about;
Pinching presents—not giving them out.

and it is left to fearless Officer Pugh (aided by a concrete gnome) to make the arrests. The story is told in Gilbertian verse which slots in nicely with the Ahlbergs' pictorial accompaniment—clear, wittily composed water colours full of detail. For future reference one ought to note that Grandma Swagg has managed to elude the long arm of Officer Pugh and may even now be preparing a rescue.

Albert Herbert Hawkins (the Naughtiest Boy in the World), by Frank Dickens. (Benn, £2.50.) A work whose blinding crudity of execution helps rather than hinders its comic/satiric intent. "'Tee hee hee' laughs AHH. Such fun we seldom see'" after he has set a mouse among the astronauts and launched the rocket all by himself.

Brian Alderson

Twentieth Century Children's Writers
Edited by D. L. Kirkpatrick
(Macmillan, £17.50)

Here is a weighty attempt to codify the facts about some modern English and American writers of children's books—it's about the size and poundage of a battery for a small saloon car.

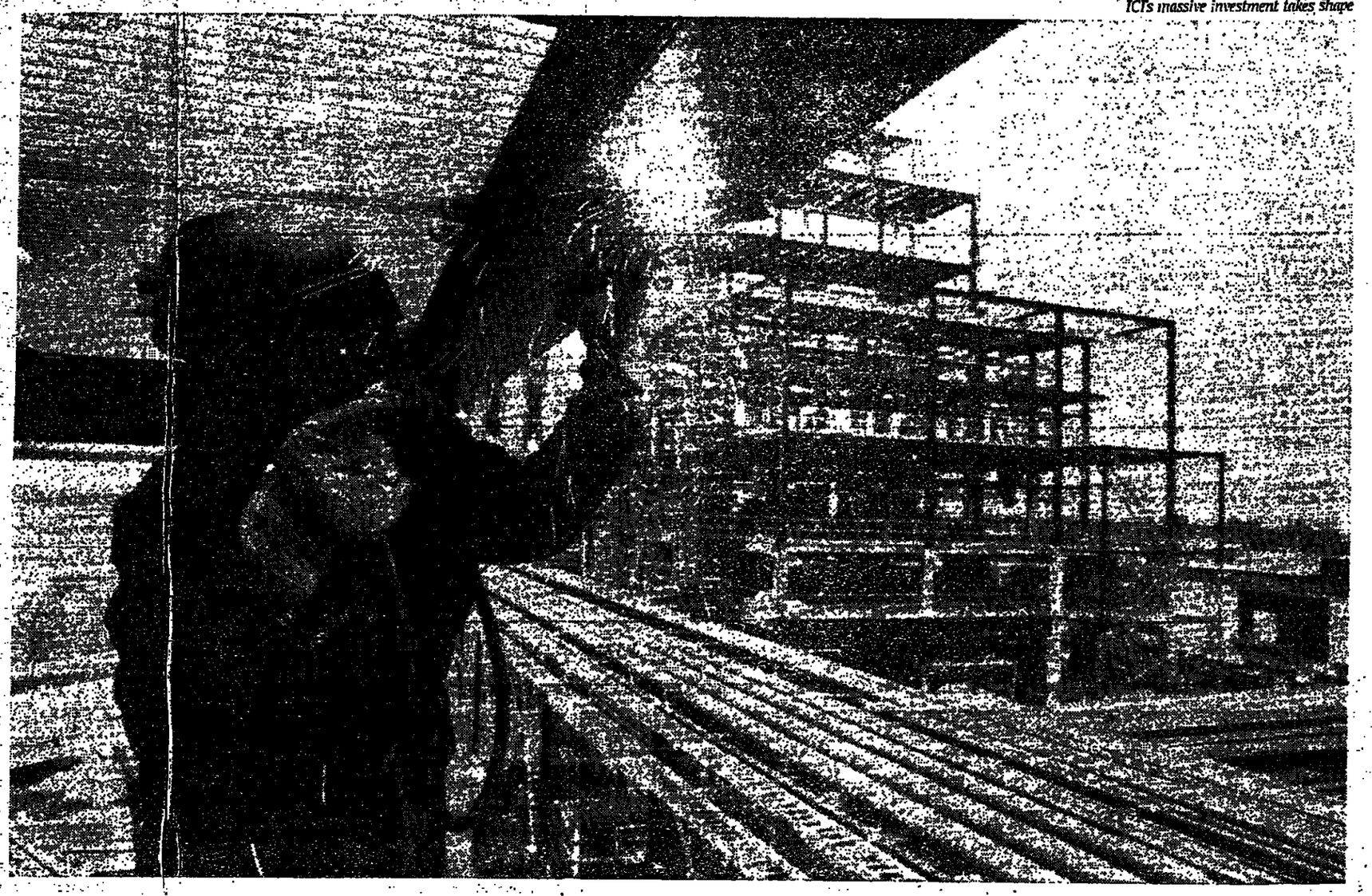
Strength and energy are variable however and I can't gauge who the book is for. Many articles are fuzzy and journalistic, while the bibliographies are unduly exhaustive. *All* Graham Greene's works appear on the strength of his having written four little picture-book texts (but illustrators—however prolific—who don't write don't gain admission). Errors abound.

B.A.

National Children's Book Week this year runs from September 30 to October 7, under the sponsorship of Lloyds Bank. As always the emphasis is on the encouragement of local activities and an immense catalogue of events has been planned, from book displays at Bovey Tracey to book bonanzas on Humberside. Full details, with a list of new books of the season, may be had from the Children's Books Officer, The Publishers' Association, 19 Bedford Square, London W.C.1.

Jacky Gillott's review of *The Aimer Gate* will be in the Books Page tomorrow.

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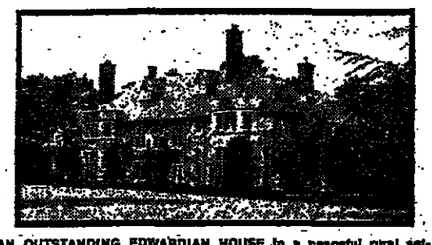
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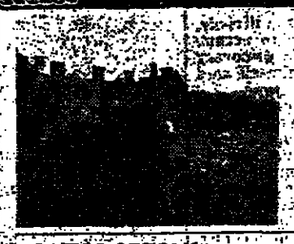
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Range of traditional outbuildings including an Oast house and stabling.

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AUCTION—27TH SEPTEMBER (if not sold).

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KENT

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AUCTION 17TH OCTOBER (if not sold).

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Staff flat with hall, kitchen, sitting room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom. Excellent swimming pool. Range of stabling. Gardens. Paddock and woodland. ABOUT 11½ ACRES

AUCTION 2ND NOVEMBER (if not sold).

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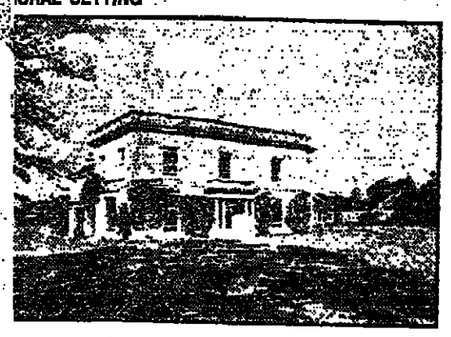
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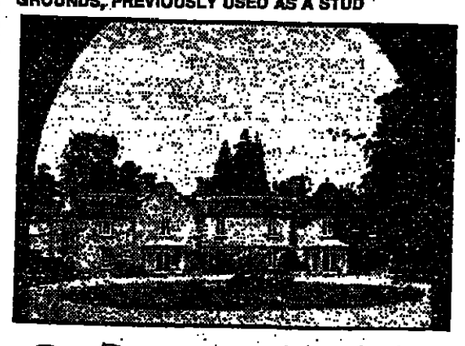
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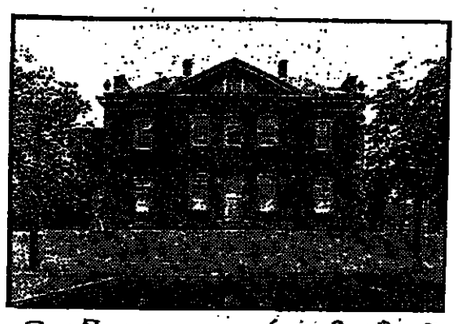
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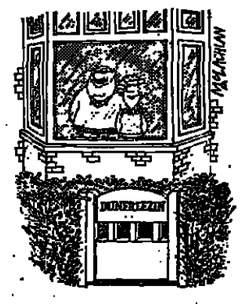
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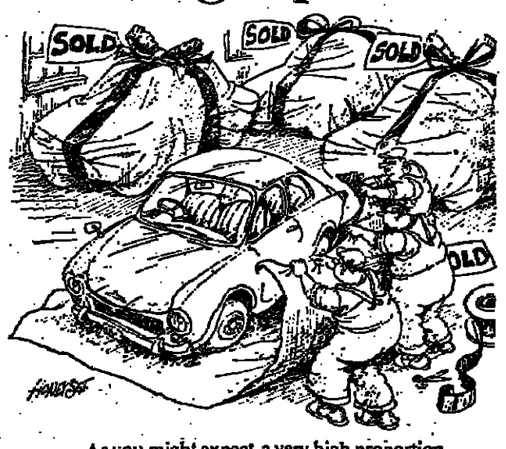
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Bernard Levin

Let them speak, if only for five minutes

There is more to be said about free speech: I suppose there will always be something to be said on that subject until it is abolished, and even then there will be a good deal to be whispered. But last week, discussing the subject, I passed rather too briefly over the campaign, at present being mounted, to deny the National Front the access to broadcasting time, during the next general election, which they would otherwise have. The denial, I must remind you, is to be by means of physical interference with the transmissions, a course of action that is being urged upon the technicians in the broadcasting organizations; they are being invited to "pull the plug" on such broadcasts.

This, incidentally, would have one delightful consequence so far unforeseen both by those advocating such action and by those opposing it: if any National Front election broadcast, an allocation for which has been provided under the arrangements for election air-time, does not go out, the whole series of party-politicals will have to be withdrawn, because the regulations very properly provide that the broadcasting organizations, though they can refuse to transmit any *series* of party-politicals, may not transmit *some* broadcasts of a series and omit others. Obviously, this provision was put in to ensure that no broadcasting organization could take only those broadcasts that it politically approved of, and refuse to put out those by a rival party; but the effect of it is to ensure that either all or none of a series of such broadcasts must be taken and transmitted.

The closing down of the entire series of election party-political broadcasts would be so overwhelming and unqualified a benefit to the public that it took me some effort to overcome the temptation to join the campaign to black out the National Front's broadcasts, in order to bring about so admirable, albeit unintended, a result.

But I managed to overcome it. If there are to be party-political broadcasts at all, and if the National Front is allocated time for one or more of them, then that organization (subject, naturally, to the provisions of the criminal law) must be allowed to say and show whatever it pleases, *however much that displeases others*. The rules for party-political broadcasts, which were drawn up, and are maintained, to ensure that only the Labour and Conservative parties get a reasonable allocation of time, provide for transmissions to be offered not (as is widely supposed) on a sliding scale based on the number of seats a party is contesting, but on the number of seats it held in the House of Commons at the dissolution. (There is one qualification to this rule, by which a party contesting more than 50 seats is allowed one five-minute broadcast, but the allocation remains the same whether a party is contesting 51 seats or 601.) Now the National Front, which was boasting not long ago that it would put up candidates in more than half the constituencies, may yet have some 200 candidates in the field, which, though it will not give them more than five minutes of air-time, will at least give them that much.

And that much they must have. To begin with, how unsurprising it is, and for that matter how uncharming, to find so many of those who oppose censorship of films and books which others disapprove of calling for censorship of whatever they disapprove of themselves. There is something in the authoritarian mind, whether it is the mind of Mrs Mary Whitehouse or Mr Peter Hain, which can only respond to that which disgusts, annoys or alarms it by calling for the suppression of the disturbing matter. As it happens, whitehouse-censorship is more consistent than hain-censorship; the former says plainly that it knows better than other people what the other people should read or see, while the latter, though it takes exactly the same attitude, pretends otherwise. In the hain-censors' *ostensible* view, we are a democratic and adult nation which must have the right to choose its reading-matter and its viewing-matter for itself; in their *actual* view, however, we are a nation that must be prevented by the censors from seeing or hearing whatever the censors decide is unfit to be seen or heard. (*Their* censorship will not normally concern sexual matters, only political ones. This makes it worse, not better.)

In the present case the matter is complicated by the fact that questions of rival political advantage have arisen. I am very glad that the credentials of the "Anti-Nazi League" are at last coming under proper scrutiny, and that the role played in its formation and activities by the Socialist Workers' Party is being exposed. I am glad because it is not possible in the long run to fight one kind of totalitarianism in the uniform of another; the only sufferer from a dispute between the SWP and the NF will be the bystander; democracy.

I am sick of repeating, but must once more repeat now, that I am opposed to suppressing anything lawful that is said or done by either the SWP or the NF, or any other totalitarian organization, including the CP. One of the highest prices democracy must pay is its tolerance of those whose aim is to destroy it, but a willingness to pay that price is a test of a democracy, and perhaps the most searching and conclusive test there can be.

But a democracy's duty cannot end there. It is not enough to ensure that the state will itself refrain from suppressing free speech; the state in a democracy must take all necessary steps to ensure that *nobody* suppresses free speech. This means that organizations like the NF and SWP must have all the protection of the law while they are engaged in lawful activities; Messrs John Tyndall and Martin Webster must have their right to propagate their doctrines upheld and guarded, just as much as Messrs Paul Foot and Paul Holborow. It is not even enough to say that they may bash each other's faces in whenever they feel like it, provided they leave the faces of the rest of us alone, because the political violence of totalitarian groups inevitably affects the fabric of democracy; it is the horrid duty of a democratic society not just to hold the ring for its enemies, but to keep them apart.

Keeping them apart, in the present context, means preventing anyone denying to anyone else the right of free speech on television or radio. In practice, *that means* preventing anyone stopping the transmissions of the National Front. And unless something is done to ensure that no such interference takes place, we may find ourselves, in the middle of an election campaign, experiencing it. In such circumstances, we can expect little from the present party leaders; Mr Callaghan will simply run away (and is in any case indelibly tainted by his connivance at the threats of violence directed against the South African cricketers when he was Home Secretary), and Mrs Thatcher will probably do the same, in her case because of the certainty that if she stands up for the NF's right to free speech she will promptly be portrayed (by Mr Healey, say) as approving of the NF's views and activities. As for the present Home Secretary, it is unlikely that he would allow himself to get near enough to such a problem even to run away from it.

Whatever action is necessary must, therefore, be taken now. We need an unequivocal pledge by the Prime Minister or—much better—by him and Mrs Thatcher jointly, to the effect that whatever emergency arrangements have to be made (and there *must* already be contingency plans to keep television and radio going in the case of, say, an internal or external threat to the state or public order), all duly authorized election broadcasts will go out. In addition, we need a campaign for the upholding of free speech even for those who hold views not shared by the Anti-Nazi League. In addition, we need clarification of the law; to interfere physically with broadcast transmissions may be an offence, and to incite people to such interference, or to conspire to, may likewise be illegal.

But above all, we all need to remind ourselves that free speech does not mean only free speech for those who can pass certain arbitrary tests of political decency, particularly when the tests are imposed by those who would not themselves pass them. Free speech is also for those who wish to propagate doctrines as foul as those of the Socialist Workers' Party and the National Front, and any threat to *their* free speech is also a threat to ours.

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Studying Welsh: Plaid claim the language issue is their "secret weapon".

The battle for the valleys

According to Plaid Cymru the biggest advance in their 53-year-old history was the by-election victory at Carmarthen 12 years ago when Mr Gwynfor Evans became the party's first Member of Parliament.

His success was certainly a huge morale-booster for nationalist aspirations in Wales, but there was an inevitability that a man of his vision and stature should be elected in a Welsh-speaking area.

More significant perhaps was their performance one year later in the Rhondda West when their candidate came within two thousand votes of capturing the coal-scarred Labour fortress.

For the monolithic Labour Party in South Wales who had ruled the valleys as of divine right, the Plaid performance was the gypsy's warning. Since then the battle for the valleys has intensified into an uncompromising, sometimes bitter battle for the industrial heartland of the Principality.

When in the district council elections of 1976 the Nationalists had the effrontery to capture control of Merthyr Tydfil, former seat of Keir Hardie and spiritual home of the Labour ethos, it was clear they had become a serious force in the land.

In addition, Plaid councillors now constitute the largest party group on Rhymni District Council and form the main opposition in four other industrial valley councils.

It is this degree of support which has given the Plaid MP's at Westminster the confidence to demand a £100m package on unemployment in the Queen's Speech as the price of their three votes.

Even in good times the level of unemployment in Wales is higher than in England and now there are 100,000 people out of work in the Principality, compared to 38,000 when Labour came to office. In spite of Labour convictions that the figure would be much higher but for their measures, unemployment is an emotive word and provides fertile opportunities for a party such as Plaid with its right organization and dedicated activities.

Plaid are aware of the importance of the valleys and are channelling a high proportion of their sparse resources to capturing one of these industrial seats. Win one, the thinking goes, and the domino theory will begin to operate.

In the last election, when Plaid contested all 36 constituencies, they returned three MP's on only 10.8 per cent of the vote. This compares with 49.5 for Labour (23 MP's), 23.9 for the Conservatives (8 MP's), 15.5 per cent for the Liberals (2 MPs) and 0.15 per cent for the communist (no MP's).

What worries the Labour Party is the Plaid potential, campaigning as they do on a socialist ticket in areas of high unemployment and urban decay.

In the Rhondda West by-election for example the Conservative candidate polled fewer votes than the communist. In the valleys the memory of Churchill is not sacred, and he is reviled for sending in the troops to crush the Tonypandy riots.

When the great Conservative leader died many valley councils refused to contribute to his memorial fund. This historical blunder, combined with the nature of the Conservative Party, is a stroke of luck for Plaid, for it means that the valley people can never bring themselves to vote in any significant numbers for a Tory candidate.

This means, effectively that valley people looking for an alternative vote choose between the Liberals and Plaid and at this moment the nationalists have more power in real terms than the Liberals.

Belying their past image of a party concerned only with the language and culture of Wales, Plaid members are campaigning on issues which are more important to the English-speaking south. Unemployment, steel and water investment and the fight for a better deal for those suffering from mine or quarry-induced dust diseases are the issues which will dominate their election manifesto.

The survival of the language is of course vitally important to the party and they broke new ground recently when they used the one political broadcast they are allowed each year to preach the message bilingually.

The party makes the surprising claim that the language issue far from alienating the English-speaking valley monoglot is a secret weapon which is working in their favour.

It must of course be said that the other parties also express their desire to sustain the language and culture.

What is surprising about Plaid is their lukewarm attitude towards devolution and a Welsh Assembly. In Wales at least the prospect of a degree of autonomy does not excite the nationalists who did not even bother to discuss the matter at their last conference.

They will vote for the assembly but only as a step in the right direction towards the ultimate aspiration of home rule. The key to that dream lies in the valleys and many a Labour and Liberal heart will have to be swayed if ever that unlikely goal is to be achieved.

Tim Jones

Next: The Scottish Nationalists

How the Chicago boys transformed Chile's economy

Chile's international image today, more than five years after the coup on September 11, 1973, which overthrew the Marxist President Allende, is bad. It is no longer thought of as a nation with a culture and a history, but has become instead a synonym for right-wing military dictatorship.

Ugly events have occurred in Chile throughout the 1970s—under both Allende and the junta, led by General Pinochet. The worst excesses appear to have been committed between 1974 and 1976, as part of the government's ruthless suppression of communist opposition. But it is doubtful if the internal situation still warrants the criticism that it receives—as the report of the three visitors from the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, who were in Chile last month, should in due course make clear.

The spotlight on the human rights issue, basic though it must be to any ultimate assessment of the military regime's record, has diverted attention from other developments. In particular, the economic policy pursued since 1973 has not been much analyzed, although it contains important lessons for other developing (and perhaps some developed) countries.

The point is that Chile has become a laboratory in which conflicting economic ideas are being examined and tested: From an early stage in the period of military rule, the top positions in the economic ministries have been held by a small group of former academics, mostly from the Catholic university in Santiago, who are frankly and unreservedly in favour of free markets and sound finance.

They are known, rather maliciously, as "the Chicago boys"—a reference to their comparative youth (most are still under 40), as well as to their attitudes, which stem from the "Chicago school" of Professor Milton Friedman, and favour the minimization of government interference in business and the mastering of inflation by monetary control. In the past five years the Chicago boys have chosen measures which are the exact antithesis of Allende's "road to socialism".

When they took over, radical changes were essential. In late 1973 the Chilean economy was chaotic. Inflation was running at an annual rate of 1,000 per cent; price controls hindered distribution, causing food queues in the main cities; and, despite a high and rising price of the principal export, copper, the foreign exchange reserves were exhausted. The anarchy of government interventions had led to a situation where an empty flour sack was more expensive than a sack of flour and the actual price of an egg was a third the official price of a hen.

The immediate problem was to restore financial order. It was difficult, not only because effective steps against inflation would be unpopular but also because there was a complete lack of information and administrative machinery. Money supply data, for example, were compiled early six months late.

In addition, Chile's external debts, which had grown from 25 to 40 per cent of national income under Allende, threatened to become unmanageable. Debt servicing and repayment obligations forced the central bank to sell Chilean currency in the foreign exchanges in return for desperately needed dollars. It then had to borrow back the currency from the banking system—creating new bank deposits and adding to the money supply.

The only method of ensuring monetary control was to clamp down on the domestic pressures for money supply growth, from the budget deficit and bank lending to the private sector.

Tough action was taken. The budget deficit, which had amounted to almost half of government expenditure in 1973, was reduced to 25 per cet of expenditure in 1974 and eliminated in 1975. Close control over private sector credit was achieved by improving the information flow to the central bank, monitoring the banks' balance sheets on a daily basis, regulating the level of bank reserves and allowing an increase in interest rates sufficient to deter borrowing.

In the best of circumstances, deflation is unkind. But Chile's circumstances in 1974 and 1975 were about the worst it is possible to imagine. Quite apart from the disorganization of production and distribution, the price of copper fell sharply and exaggerated the balance-of-payments problem. Domestic credit restraint had to be intensified: output, employment and real wages all declined; by early 1976, the proportion of Santiago's labour force without a job had reached 20 per cent.

It was at this stage that some foreign observers decided to write off the Chilean experiment in textbook economics as a total failure. In fact, the worst was over. With the government finances and money supply under control, inflation had begun to moderate and foreign debts had been honoured. The economists responsible for the monetary deflation knew that the costs in the short-term would be harsh, but that the eventual benefits would more than compensate.

The benefits are now increasingly visible. Consumer prices should rise by 30 to 35 per cent in 1978, compared to over 500 per cent in 1973, and a figure of under 20 per cent is expected in 1979. Chile's international credit-worthiness has been restored: the reserves stand at over $1,000m, equivalent to four months' imports, and it was possible to arrange a Eurocurrency borrowing of $210m earlier this year.

Meanwhile, output has recovered and is now at highest ever levels. The numbers at work in the Santiago area have increased by over 15 per cent in the last two years and unemployment is down to 12½ per cent. The government has not found it necessary to indulge in "reflationary" fiscal and monetary policies to secure this improvement.

The stabilization of the financial situation is easy to measure with statistics and is therefore Chile's most definite economic achievement. But more interesting have been the structural shifts towards market freedom which the Chicago boys have instituted. It is these which are truly distinctive; perhaps no other economy has seen such a thorough transformation from a regulated to a market economy in so short a space of time.

The spectacular change has been the opening of the economy to international trade. In 1973 tariffs varied haphazardly from nothing on some products to several hundred per cent on others, with the average just over 90 per cent. In the last five years they have been gradually lowered and made more uniform. The average is now 18 per cent. By June next year a rate of 10 per cent will apply to all imports (with the exception of cars).

In an increasingly protectionist world, Chile has self-consciously chosen to liberalize its trade and expose its domestic suppliers to foreign competition. The results have pleasantly astonished the policy's architects.

Import growth has been very rapid, with the consumer free to select from the wider range of goods available. But, as exports have moved from inefficient import-competing industries to sectors where Chile has a true comparative advantage, exports have also boomed. Non-traditional exports, in particular, have risen eight times since 1973, helping to maintain a satisfactory balance of payments despite the depressed copper price.

Even more surprising has been the calm adjustment to new foreign competition. A survey of industrial opinion in July showed that only 5 per cent of companies expected to be much troubled by the move towards the 10 per cent uniform tariff next year.

The Chicago boys have implemented many other reforms as part of their programme of economic liberalization—price controls have been scrapped; concerns nationalized (or expropriated) under Allende have been auctioned off to the private sector; public sector industries have been required to pay their way; subsidies and incentives to particular economic activities have been ended; the tax system has been overhauled and simplified, with the abolition of 50 special deductions against taxable income.

At first the radicalism of these changes was met with scepticism by mainstream economists in Chile. Some of them continue to propose alternative policies in the leading publications unsympathetic to the regime, *Hoy* and *Mensaje*. However, the critics are becoming more reserved, as the success of the free market policy is now not really in dispute.

The Chicago boys emphasize that an overriding objective is to separate government from business. This is part of their almost ideological commitment to market freedom, but it is also motivated by a wish to prevent a return to the corruption and horse-trading between politicians and businessmen which were integral to the government controlled economy before 1973.

Indeed, there are frequent polemics between the Chicago boys and industrialists. In a recent newspaper interview in Santiago, Miguel Kast, a prominent member of the economic team, said that the industrialists' association, SOFOFA, had initially "yelled and screamed like crazy" at the suggestion of big tariff cuts.

He also said that the president of Sofofa under Allende, then a noisy defender of "free enterprise", proved to be an even more noisy objector to authentic policies of economic liberalization in 1974 and 1975. Unlike monopolists who can exploit a cocooned domestic market, the Chicago boys do prise" and an average tariff not believe that "free enterrate above 90 per cent can be reconciled.

What has happened in Chile since 1973 may eventually be regarded as another "economic miracle"—comparable to West Germany's, after a similar package of economic liberalization in 1948. However, it is too early to be certain about this outcome. The Chicago boys are confident that their work will survive, but they are closely identified with the present regime and it faces many hostile pressures.

Moreover, even if the free market system continues and remains successful, there will be endless debates about whether the means were necessary to the ends, whether the ends justified the means and so on.

The junta's image abroad is so awful that the whole issue will inevitably become entangled with the human rights problem. Although the Chicago boys, who are honest, idealistic and admired as such in Chile, deny any connexion with political repression, it has to be accepted that few people in other countries will believe this.

The stigma may or may not be unjust, but the Chicago boys have no reason to be ashamed of what they have done for the Chilean economy—and, on this issue, at least, the record needs to be put straight.

Tim Congden

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NORMANDY DIARY

Far from the capital's fuss and flurry

A friend of mine, who is a very senior civil servant, but whose roots are deep in Norman soil, remarked to me the other day as we were strolling under his apple trees how trivial and artificial by comparison with the earthy realities of the countryside were all the fuss and flurry of Paris intellectual and political life.

Having myself become a Norman by adoption over the past 15 years, I could only agree with him that, from the vantage point of my own village, the Socialist Party's leadership quarrels or the controversies about the Prime Minister's neo-liberalism seemed, in the last few weeks, at best remote and at worst irrelevant by comparison with the price of milk, the record harvest this year in spite of rain in the Caen plain and the *jacquerie* that the new Brussels regulations about foot and mouth disease threaten to provoke among peaceable Norman peasants. Paris may be regarded as irrelevant, but Brussels, the Commission and all its works certainly are not.

That is one respect in which Normandy has changed in the past two or three decades, though the general context remains very reminiscent of the France of Balzac or of *Madame Bovary*. The older generation of farmers still milk by hand noon and night because they are used to it, and, as my neighbour remarks: "We are too set in our ways to change." You can still hear speeches by local worthies on ceremonial occasions which in their flowery eloquence sounds like something straight out of the mouth of Flaubert's *sous-prefet* at the cattle show; and the other day, at the show in Bayeux, an ancient character was given a medal for 47 years' devoted service to the same employer.

But my neighbour's son milks by machinery; goes off for a week's holiday, unlike his father; and his wife declared some time ago that he would have cold suppers in future because she was not going to stand over the kitchen stove all day. His house has all mod cons, by comparison with which many Parisians' flats are mere hovels, and fitted carpets which caused much wonder in the neighbourhood. Most young farmers have not yet gone that far.

Yet many things are much the same as they were a century ago. Life has become easier and more affluent for most workers of the soil—even those with only a few acres career about on huge tractors (bought on credit, of course). But mentalities evolve slowly. Since parish priests went "modern", and even left (ours is an exception), they have ceased to be respected confidants, though they still hatch, match, and dispatch.

But the family in the broad sense of a clan, down to second cousins twice removed, remains a stronghold; the local notary is its trusted guardian, with his imposing armoury of wills, deeds and contracts, around which much of Norman country life still turns; *horsains*, or foreigners—which means everyone who is not Norman—are looked upon with distrust until they have proved themselves harmless; and local feuds are still bequeathed from father to son.

My own village of a mere couple of hundred souls is neatly split into two rival clans, a sort of miniature reproduction of the Montagues and Capulets, all apparently because half a century ago, on leaving church, someone in an argument struck a relative with an umbrella. "That blow will cost you dear", he was told.

That umbrella blow assumed almost the same proportions as the stroke of the Dey of Algiers's fan at the French Consul in 1827. The offended party got his own back much later in his will, and the quarrel endures to this day, the hardier and livelier because the two clans are related by numerous intermarriages over the years.

They are hardly on speaking terms. For many years the village Montagues dominated local life, "squared" the local council and ruled the roost undisputed. But the head of the clan died and the Capulets raised their head again. One of them even slipped almost by accident into the council at the last elections, and has made the voice of dissent heard since at council meetings. As he is a relatively big and prosperous farmer, he refuses to be sat upon.

Some defections were suspected on the part of Montague retainers to enable him to get in. But even those most skilled in the art of identifying the writing on the ballots when the poll is counted (a favourite pastime, along with cards, on election day at the *mairie*), could not pin down the culprits. Another mystery which remains unsolved to this day, despite the efforts of the returning officer's graphology, is whose were the five ballots which were cast for the extreme right in the parliamentary elections. It teases another of my neighbours who is dying to know.

At village level, there are plenty of hearty rivalries and even hates, but little politics in the national sense. Everything turns on personalities. There is also an unwritten hierarchy, almost as strict as that of Versailles under the Ancien Régime, which has survived the French Revolution and all the convulsions of the nineteenth century. There is no *château* in my village, and therefore no lord of the manor. But the big farmers with 100 acres or more are the local aristocracy.

The son of one of them had put the maid of the household in the family way (She had started work at 15, with no holidays) and had the decency to marry her. But for the rest of his life she was reminded of the lowly estate from which she had risen and kept hard at work to atone for it.

Her brother, a carpenter and handyman, who often says quite naturally and without the least trace of a complex that he cannot aspire to this or that "because I am only a worker", has by dint of thrift, hard work, and native intelligence greatly improved his family circumstances. He bought a house several years ago which was little better than a hovel and has turned it into a modest but comfortable home, to which all his children return every Sunday for a family lunch that many a gourmet would not spurn.

After innumerable and long-drawn-out administrative formalities and surveys, the departmental authorities agreed, and the local council approved, subject to there being no objections. A register was opened at the *mairie* for this purpose. The village Capulets (he was a Montague retainer) sent their wives in their stead to do this unpleasant task. One of them told the council secretary she objected. "But you must say why", he insisted. "Because it would raise the value of his property", she reluctantly blurted out.

But though the Normans are reserved and tough, and as one of my non-Norman friends picturesquely puts it, "Their wallets are tied to their pockets with elastic"; they are not unfeeling, and sometimes prove unbelievably soft-hearted (so long as it does not cost too much). One instance of this is the case of M Albert Dupré, a confirmed bachelor and "child of the commune" because he was born in the village. But in his more active days as a herdsman, he got fond of the bottle, while conveying Normandy cattle by sea to South America.

Since there is no longer a resident priest in the parish, he lives in the rectory, a large but rather decayed house with several rooms, of which he uses only a couple at most, and for which he pays the ridiculously low rent of 100 francs a month to the municipality, his landlord. But Albert was told by the mayor long ago that he could stay there for the rest of his life.

To get a little more return from the rectory, the proceeds of which go to the welfare fund of the village, the council a couple of years ago sold a plot of pasture which was part of the property. But in so doing, it also sold a small shed in which Albert kept his cider barrel. So it was decided that a lean-to had to be put up against the house for Albert's barrel.

This was done at the cost of 7,000 francs. Unfortunately the builder had been instructed to put up not a lean-to but a garage; and Albert stormed and fumed, and said it was too hot for his barrel in summer, and he couldn't care less about a garage as he had no car. What he wanted was a cellar. The council earnestly debated Albert's barrel for hours, when someone had the bright idea of putting the thing in the parlour, the parquet floor of which was rotten anyway.

There the matter might have rested. But one or two members of the council felt that even in this day and age a house might do without a bathroom, but it certainly could not go without a cellar. And if the property was to be improved against the time when Albert died, a start had to be made with that and not, as others wanted, with the sanitation. They therefore agreed that Albert must have a cellar.

The question remained of what to do with the garage, and whether any money would be left over to put in the sanitation. The problem is still unsolved.

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Midsummer in a village near Irkutsk. *Photograph by John Massey Stewart*

More than just a frozen wasteland

Michael Binyon

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The railway, the main focus of development, now employs 100,000 people. But at least this number or more workers are needed for every aspect of Siberian development. And a short- age of labour is one of the critical factors holding back the Siberian economy.

The Russians have done all they can to get people to move to Siberia. The present five-year plan calls for a 50 per cent increase in industrial growth there. Wages are up to double the national average, and there are added incentives for special hardship. Men and women can retire five years earlier than usual, and extra efforts are made to ensure other incentives.

Schools have been estab- lished; fresh vegetables and meat are available in some of the main towns; concerts and even fashion shows brighten the cultural life of the frozen north, and Soviet scientists have invested time and money into "adaptation studies" to ensure that im- migrants from the warmer south and west can cope, physically and psychologi- cally, with the harsh cli- mate.

Nevertheless, the labour shortage is still acute and the turnover high. It is reckoned that more than half of all Soviet workers who move to Siberia leave after three years. One in five leaves after only a year. And still only 10.4 per cent of the total population lives in the countryside.

The climate and the isola- tion, of course, account for the general reluctance to move there. The extremes of temperature are well- known: from about −60°F in winter to the mid-80s in some places in summer. For three brief months Siberia is one enormous mosquito-in- fested swamp: for the rest of the year it is snow- covered.

People do adapt. They think little of going out in −30°F (especially if there is no wind). But they have always to be careful. There are frequent cases of people who accidentally put their feet through ice, which leads to certain frostbite. One man on a tractor cracked the ice and fell into the water. On scrambing out he im- mediately froze to death. Machines have to be left running all night; branches snap off trees; breath freezes and a fog of crystal- lization blots out the sun.

The isolation is a strong psychological disincentive. It is, after all, eight hours by air from Khabarovsk to Moscow. And the age-old practice of sending criminals and political prisoners into exile in Siberia has rein- forced the popular image of a land cut off from civiliza- tion. "A land of death and chains", Maxim Gorky called it. Stalin reinforced this brutal image.

Nowadays there is no forced labour in the salt mines which long ago lost their importance. But dissi- dents and others are still sent to remote villages to serve out their sentences of internal exile.

Modern cities which have grown up rapidly do offer the comforts of a civilized life. Novosibirsk, the unoffi- cial capital of the region, is a thriving city which enjoys a delightful summer and the best in Soviet culture and material prosperity. Even in the colder cities, Khabarovsk and Yakutsk, the old wooden houses have given way to centrally heated blocks which look much the same as those in any Soviet city.

A scientific research centre has been set up just outside Novosibirsk which has brought an intellectual flavour to the barren region.

Economists worry that all these efforts to populate Siberia will still be insuffi- cient. Neither will there be sufficient capital to develop the resources, they say.

Some statistics give an idea of what is involved. Siberia contains 90 per cent of the Soviet Union's natural re- sources. It also holds 90 per cent of the country's bitu- minous coal reserves, 75 per cent of the iron ore, 80 per cent of the timber and simi- lar proportions of gold and mineral deposits. Iron ore deposits near Yakutia may turn out to be the largest in the world.

The amount of copper found near Udokan is said to exceed the proved reser- ves of the United States, Chile and Zaire put together. The Samotlor oilfield in the Tyumen complex of western Siberia ranks as the third largest in the world, and al- ready produces 50 million tons of oil a year. Only 5 per cent of the Tyumen region —itself three times larger than Texas—has yet been ex- plored.

Capital and technological investment is almost too great even for the Soviet Union's directed economy. The Russians have been doing their best to get others with the knowledge—especi- ally the West Europeans and the Japanese—to put their money into Siberia, either as part of barter deals or with the promise of guaranteed supplies.

The Japanese have inves- ted heavily, but for political reasons not as much as the Russians would like. Simi- larly, the acquisition of advanced oil technology from the United States has been delayed by the present de- cline in relations and the general slow-down of Soviet- American trade.

Soviet planners and econo- mists forecast two stages of development for Siberia. The first would be the extraction and export of the minerals and natural resources; the second would be the gradual industrialization and settle- ment of the region itself, with population and develop- ment moving to the areas of greatest economic activity.

All this requires the simul- taneous development of the Far Eastern ports, the im- provement of road and river communications, the build- ing of power stations and hydroelectric complexes and the general basic services that make industrialization possible.

To overcome the labour shortage, Soviet planners hope to build factories that are as automated as possible.

There is a long way to go. The Russians are not daun- ted. They point out that the real development of the vast oil and gas reserves began only in the 1950s, and already the vast fields are supplying half the needs of the Soviet Union. Cities that were only villages or fur trading stations a few years ago now have 50,000 people. Airports have been built on the permafrost and machines made to operate in sub-zero temperatures.

Above all the Russians want their own people to shed the image of Siberia as an unknown and terrifying wasteland. The more hospit- able parts—especially the shores of Lake Baikal—are being developed for tourism (although the natural beauty of the characteristically vast lake is being threatened by industrial pollution).

The Soviet press daily publishes articles on devel- opment in the region and paints a picture of pioneering enterprise and challenge. President Brezhnev himself paid a much-publicized morale-boosting visit to the region in the spring, con- gratulating workers, exhort- ing officials to greater effi- ciency and promising greater supplies of vegeta- bles.

In all this the defence needs play a vital, though less publicized role. The treasure house of natural wealth lies not so far from the Chinese border, and great tracts of Eastern Siberia are claimed by the Chinese in their territorial dispute with the Russians.

With a healthy economy and a populated border zone the Russians hope to rein- force their defence posture all along the disputed fron- tier. In all senses, there- fore, military, economic and scientific, Siberia holds the key to the Soviet Union's future.

Enormous potential for economic development

by Denis Taylor

The potential for Western and Japanese economic in- volvement in Siberia is en- ormous. But opportunities will depend on the rate at which the Russians develop their vast oil, gas and mine- ral resources east of the Urals and on the degree to which they decide to enlist outside technology, expertise and credits.

Despite some handsome contracts already landed in Siberia, the short and medium-term prospects for business from Britain and the West must be discussed with caution.

Trade cannot be consid- ered in isolation from the huge physical constraints mentioned elsewhere in this report. Rio Tinto-Zinc has been talking to the Russians for several years about Udokan, the site of rich copper deposits in the Soviet Far East.

But Udokan is so inacces- sible that the development of Udokan, like other deposits, including iron, nickel, man- ganese and coal, could hinge on that of the Baikal-Amur Railway (BAM).

RTZ men have paid visits to Udokan and attended meetings in Moscow. Al- though things now seem dormant, firms in their posi- tion must become used to playing a long waiting game with the Russians, who oper- ate on a time scale and by criteria all of their own.

Some Western oil men say the Russians are technically capable of doing practically everything needed to de- velope their hydrocarbon resources themselves in the long term. But the Soviet Union is clearly interested in superior Western equip- ment and techniques. This explains their interest in con- tacts with companies like British Petroleum.

Unless the Russians are prepared to make some extraordinary policy switches, such as signifi- cantly cutting back defence spending, they will have to continue relying on the West and Japan as sources of credit and technology.

But the pace at which this happens could well be determined by non-economic considerations. Economic logic suggests that the Soviet Union should seek the great- est possible cooperation with the Japanese to tap the natural wealth of eastern Siberia.

But in spite of joint work on south Yakutia coal and natural gas and the Sakhalin offshore oil project, develop- ments like the recently signed treaty of peace and friendship between Tokyo and Peking could hinder the growth of such a natural partnership. The Japanese previously backed out of an oil shipment deal using the BAM railway because of Chinese suspicions of the line's strategic implications.

One executive with a British company, who is ex- perienced in dealing with the Soviet Union, said: "Anti- American and anti-Japanese feelings are strong. I think this is the one time for Bri- tain to strike into the mar- ket".

In spite of a good period for British orders at the end of 1976 and early in 1977, Anglo-Soviet trade has been much more modest than that with the United Kingdom's main competitors, particu- larly West Germany. Less than half of the £950m credit arranged by Mr Harold Wil- son in 1975 has been taken up.

Nevertheless, the two single biggest British orders have involved work in Siberia. The largest Anglo- Soviet deal so far, worth more than $250m, is for two methanol plants. One, planned to be the biggest in the world, will be at Tomsk. The other will be in the Urals.

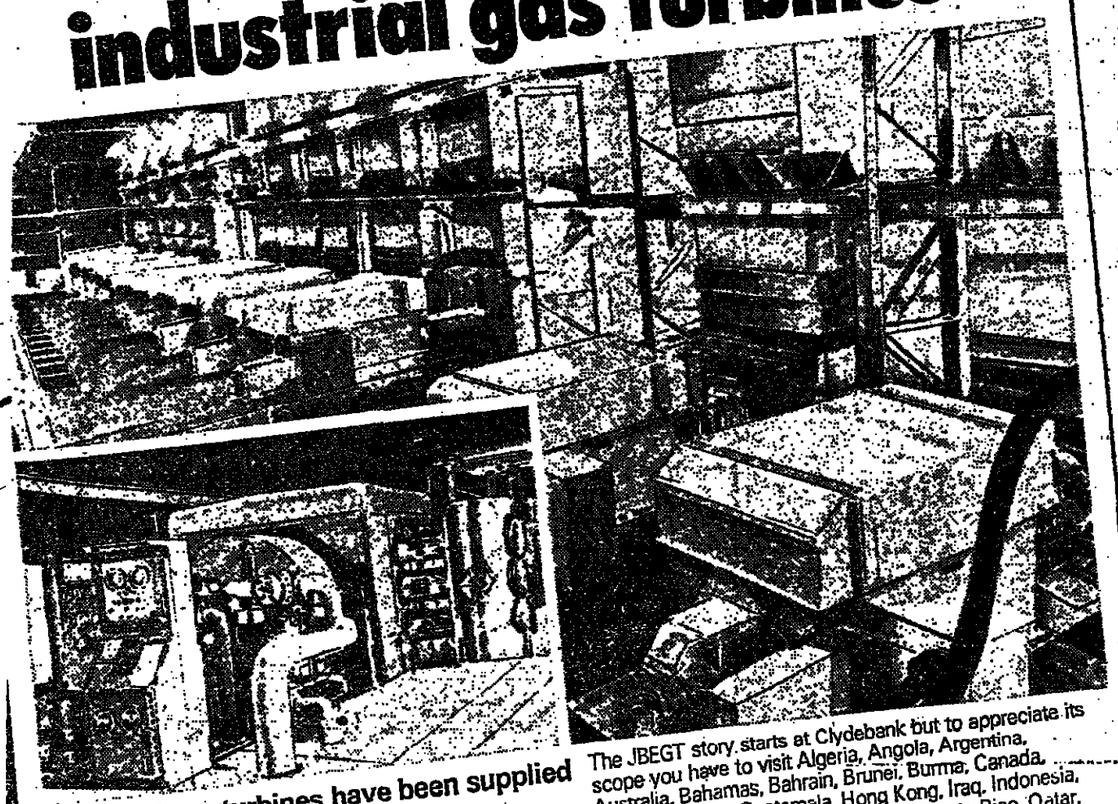
The contract was won by Davy Powergas, a subsidiary of Davy International, and Klöckner Ina Industrial Plants. ICI technology is used, and ICI and Klöckner will buy back part of the product.

Soviet emphasis on com- pensation or "buy back" agreements has in the past proved less attractive to British than to other West- ern companies. Under such a deal the foreign company involved in setting up a project is repaid over years from this or other plants.

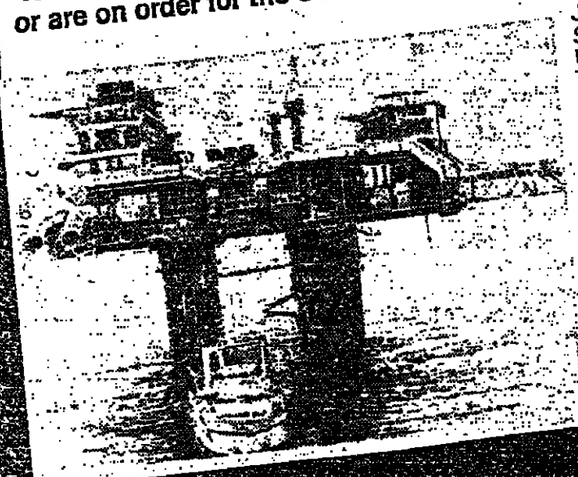
The second biggest British export order to date involves equipment for pumping gas from western Siberia. This was a £100m deal for light- weight compressor units signed in December 1976

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British connexion began with Ivan the Terrible

by John Massey Stewart

Britain's Siberian connexion really began in 1553 when three English ships set off to find the north-east passage to Cathay along Russia's unknown arctic coastline. Only one survived the storms and ice, the Edward Bonaventure, under Richard Chancellor, but reached no farther than the White Sea coast. Chancellor and his companions, however, were received hospitably by Ivan the Terrible in Moscow, thus beginning the long history of Anglo-Russian and Anglo-Siberian relations.

Ice was to forbid any successful north-east passage and no ship flying the British flag has ever made the voyage, but it was a Russian icebreaker built on the Clyde in 1908—the Sibiryakov—which in 1932 was the first to traverse the route in one season.

Several other British-built icebreakers have served in Siberian waters (and ice) both before and after 1917. Two built on the Tyne were the Krasin, famous for its 1928 rescue of Umberto Nobile and his crew, and the indefatigable Yermak, completed in 1899, awarded the Order of Lenin on its fiftieth anniversary, and still in arctic service in the mid-1960s.

Both featured in the recent icebreakers set of Soviet postage stamps. The present-day Yermak, incidentally, sails the northern sea route, as the north-east passage is now called, fitted *now, technically, the Soviet* with British icebreaking equipment.

Another Newcastle-built icebreaker, the Angara, a passenger ferry, is still afloat, though no longer in service, 1,600 miles inland in eastern Siberia. It was commissioned, like the much bigger Baikal, a train and passenger ferry, for the Trans-Siberian railway link across Lake Baikal in the 1900s before railway tunnels made the line continuous through the southern mountains. Both ships had come out in sections to be refabricated at the lakeside.

As for the Trans-Siberian itself, 200,000 British rails, enough for well over 1,000 miles of track, were shipped off to Vladivostok in the 1890s, and it seems that an English engineer was the first to suggest a communications link from European Russia to the Pacific: an enormous horse-tramway.

The first exports in either direction were almost certainly of Siberian fur which, after several centuries, is still arriving. The Cap of Maintenance, worn by the Lord Mayor of London's swordbearer, has traditionally been of Siberian sable—the most expensive of all furs—and a new one has recently been made from the finest Kamchatka sables, while the Lord Mayor's reception gown is itself trimmed with Siberian ermine.

Soviet leaders have presented the Queen with a cape of Siberian sable, recalling the first Russian ambassador's gift of eight sables to the first Queen Elizabeth. In recent decades gold and diamonds from Siberia's eastern regions Far East, have joined Britain's import list, all to be overtaken in value in 1976 by petroleum and its products as a result of the crash development of West Siberia's colossal oil reserves.

One Siberian import was eaten the length and breadth of Britain well within living memory. The story began in 1893 when an Englishwoman (name unknown), married to a Siberian farmer near Tyumen in western Siberia, began Siberia's first dairy farm. By 1904, 2,630 dairies, many of them organized into cooperatives, had been formed and were still increasing; and by the following year, Siberia, "the best country in the world for the production of the highest quality of butter", according to one British business visitor, was sending 1,000 tons of butter a week by daily butter trains (of 35 ice-refrigerated carriages) to the Baltic ports for export to Britain, a ready market.

Hay's Wharf spent thousands of pounds dredging the Thames and constructing a new landing stage for the butter, which was sold throughout the country (and consumed by Lenin, then in London, among countless others), in such quantities that the standard price of butter was cut by at least 3d a lb. By 1913, when the sales reached their peak of 80,000 tons, French and Siberian butter accounted for a third of Britain's butter imports.

That Englishwoman who started the butter industry was by no means the first in Siberia. In 1671, the posthumous memoir of Dr Samuel Collins, late physician to Tsar Alexis, spoke of northern Siberia's Samoyed people: "One being ask't if he thought not an English woman (then present, young and handsom) as pretty and fair as his lady ugly, answer'd, no surely, they wives complexion is pale, like the belly of a fish, our womens colours are natural and genuine". Perhaps the wife of a (singularly undiplomatic) agent of the Russia Company?

At Selenginsk in eastern Siberia, the monument still stands to Mrs Yuille, wife of one of the British missionaries among the Buryat Mongols in the early nineteenth century who translated and published both Old and New Testaments in Mongolian.

Another Englishwoman, Mrs Thomas Whitlam Atkinson, made an adventurous six-year journey (1848-53) of 39,500 miles through Siberia with her husband, who was travelling on a blank passport from Nicholas I to sketch the scenery. Both wrote up the journey—two of the innumerable (and fascinating) books on Siberia by British travellers—but of Atkinson's many hundred watercolours, some of them six feet square, all but half a dozen are lost.

The most remarkable Englishwoman in Siberian history, however, must be Kate Marsden, author of the splendidly entitled *On Sledge and Horseback among Outcast Siberian Lepers*. In 1890 she journeyed (in pain) through pathless swamp and taiga to tiny Vilyuysk in remote north-eastern Siberia in order to minister to the Yakut lepers living as abandoned outcasts in the forest. The hospital she founded was closed only a few years ago.

In medicine she was preceded in the early eighteenth century by two Scottish doctors in Russian service, Thomas Garvine and John Bell, who successively crossed Siberia to Peking. Bell, later to be presented by Peter the Great with a magnificent cut-glass goblet bearing his insignia, wrote in his marvellously observant *Journey*, a best-seller through Europe in its time, that "foreigners commonly are terrified at the very name of Siberia. On the contrary, the country is really excellent . . . there are few places where (a person) could find life more agreeably than in some parts of Siberia".

Among the many British sailors in Russian service was Joseph Billings—ultimately captain-commodore—who led an important eight-year land and maritime expedition in the north Pacific at Catherine the Great's command, and is commemorated by Billings Cape on Siberia's arctic coast.

Other naval links include the several Royal Navy-trained Siberian governors in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Captain Cook's visit to Kamchatka on his last voyage (and the grave there of his successor, Captain Clerke), and the journey thither largely by foot from Dieppe in the 1820s by Captain John Dundas Cochrane, who married a Kamchatka chief's attractive daughter and later educated her in England.

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Keeping the wolf at the door

Next Tuesday, in Ashkhabad, capital of the Soviet central Asian republic of Turkmenia, begins the fourteenth General Assembly of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, IUCN.

Siberia and the Soviet Far East, Comprising more than half of the USSR, is thus a macrocosm of the country's nature conservation record.

Within these 4,500,000 sq miles, 52 times the size of Britain and with a population half as big, is an extraordinary diversity of nature: polar bears and the dwarf birches of the tundra, alpine meadows, glaciers, chains of active volcanoes, permafrost and enormous wetlands, some of the world's longest rivers, coniferous and monsoon forest, wolves, sables and tigers.

In this subcontinent are 11 *zapovedniki* or state nature reserves (of the nation's 116, which are mostly under Ministry of Agriculture control) covering more than 10,000 sq miles.

The oldest of these is the Barguzin reserve, on the east coast of Lake Baikal. It was established in 1915 to save the over-hunted Barguzin sable, the most valuable of all sables, from extinction.

The number of reserves is still increasing. One of the newest is the Soviet Union's first marine nature reserve in Peter the Great Bay near Vladivostock. Siberia claims five small bumble-bee reserves.

The Arctic Ocean *zapovednik* of Wrangel Island, where more than half the world's polar bear cubs are born, is being cleared of people to be a polar bear sanctuary. The largest of all Soviet reserves (some 3,500,000 acres) is being created in the tundra of Eurasia's northernmost peninsula, Taimyr, and there are plans for five big *zapovedniki* in Yakutia, partly along the BAM railway.

In such reserves (and under less stringent control in the second grade reserves or *zakazniki*), not only endangered species of flora and fauna are protected but outstanding natural features such as the spectacular 300-ft granite columns outside Krasnoyarsk, the volcanoes, geysers and hot springs of Kamchatka, and the scenic beauty of the Altai mountains, long known as Russia's Switzerland.

The *Soviet Red Book*, just published, lists a total of 155 threatened species or subspecies of mammals, reptiles and amphibians and 443 endangered plants in the Soviet Union. Perhaps the most famous of all these is the Siberian tiger, now far more numerous in the world's zoos than the wild, yet still caught for zoos even though protected on three reserves east of the Ussuri river. Another particularly rare mammal, the snow leopard, has been successfully protected in the Altai mountain nature reserve.

Despite popular mythology, the flora of northern Asia is extraordinarily rich and colourful, embracing the brilliant flowers of the tundra, the lilies and rhododendrons of the southern taiga, and the jasmine and flowering cherry of the Ussuri region. In that region one finds one of the 141 Siberian and Soviet Far Eastern species listed in the *Soviet Red Book* of flora, the legendary medicinal root, ginseng. It is the subject of much Soviet research and is a sign of what has been achieved by botanists, zoologists and conservationists. The many medicinal plants are one of the specialities of Siberia's main botanical gardens at Akademgorodok, headquarters of the Siberian Commission for Nature Conservation.

The migration of Siberian birds is studied and protected under bilateral environmental protection agreements with Britain, the United States, Canada and Japan. Each winter, the tundra's Bewick's swans visit Yorkshire, the Wash and Slimbridge. Last July Sir Peter Scott, chairman of the World Wildlife Fund, his wife and daughter, all ornithologists, visited the Yamal peninsula's Bewicks with a leading Soviet ornithologist, under the auspices of the Anglo-Soviet Environmental Protection Agreement.

Last year the Anglo-Soviet agreement sponsored a British scientific delegation to Lake Baikal, the world's oldest, deepest and once purest lake, greatest in volume of freshwater, largest in number of endemic species found nowhere else, and scene of the most famous environmental controversy in the Soviet Union.

This unique natural laboratory, bigger than Belgium, with forest down to its shores, saw the construction in the 1960s of two big pulp and cellulose mills. Their effluence threatened both the remarkable purity of Lake Baikal's water and its chain of life. After a long battle to save the lake from pollution, several laws have been passed and £30m more than the cost of the factories themselves, has been spent on the plants' pollution control.

Damage to Lake Baikal by unprocessed sewage (both industrial and municipal), and the lumber industry (erosion of the shores and spoilation of the fishes spawning grounds by sunken logs) seems to have been remedied after a long and costly programme.

Lake Baikal faces new difficulties. Last year its often stormy and hurricane-swept surface saw 40,000 tons of petroleum products make the 400-mile journey from south to north. Another trouble is the decision to build a town for 40,000 on Cape Kurby. This is extraordinary in view of the lake's hard-won victory over the pulp mills, its unspoilt and unpopulated scenic beauty, and particularly because the BAM railway, the reason for the town, has been routed away from the lakeside at this point on environmental grounds at a cost of four more tunnels and several miles of track.

Lake Baikal is (perhaps inevitably) doomed to become an important tourist area accommodating 250,000 visitors at one time in hotels, motels and the like in five lakeside areas totalling three million acres. This may be the cost of protection from



Road signs outside Siberian cities urge people to protect the countryside. Signs outside Yakutsk warn of the danger of fire.

industrial encroachment, however, for these five areas are to form the Soviet Union's first national park. Tourists will be forbidden to visit many places and much restricted in others.

Since the Baikal episode Siberia's great construction projects are paying—on paper, anyhow—particular attention to avoiding environmental damage. The scheme to direct the Arctic-flowing rivers southward to irrigate central Asia's deserts is held up pending yet more assessment. West Siberia's big oil and natural gas development has its own environmental protection programme, and the BAM railway project has laid down strict rules about the local environment.

"Until recently", *Soviet News* said in March last year, "the mood of everybody concerned with the development of the great expenses of Siberia—except, possibly the ecologists—was one of unclouded optimism". Optimism remains, but the environment increasingly matters. Air and water pollution are being tackled and under the present five-year plan £8,400m is allocated to the nation's conservation and rational use of natural resources.

Soviet conservationists are by no means complacent. They know there is much to be done, including greater public education, and that legislation needs sharper teeth. But the future of Siberia's ecology is itself a cause for optimism.

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History preserved in shroud of ice

An extraordinary exhibition, on loan from Leningrad's Hermitage Museum, is to be displayed this winter (November 16-February 25) at the British Museum. Entitled Frozen Tombs: Culture and Art of the Ancient Tribes of Siberia, its outstanding interest lies in the 70 pieces from the sensational Pazyryk barrow treasure, excavated in south-west Siberia's high Altai mountains in 1929 and between 1947 and 1949.

Here in the fifth to fourth centuries B.C. Altaian nomad chieftains, related to the Scythians, were given elaborate burials, with huge kurgans, cairns or mounds of stone and earth, piled over their log-lined burial chambers. Uniquely, Pazyryk's 1,600 metre altitude and climate meant that the great stone cairns, two or three metres high and about 50 metres across, insulated the earth from the sun's heat but allowed the cold winter air to circulate, so that the ground became frozen permanently to a depth of seven metres while water, filtering into the tombs, in the words of one archaeologist, "preserved the whole contents . . . in a shroud of ice".

Grave-robbers' shafts later let in more water which filled some chambers, perfecting the deep-freeze process. The result was that the complete contents of Pazyryk's five kurgans, including the bodies of humans and horses, were preserved perfectly for nearly 2,500 years.

Foresaking their usual implements for "vast quantities of hot water to melt the ice", Soviet archaeologists found in the second tomb, lined with black felt, the bodies of a chieftain and his wife. The man, mongoloid in type, powerfully built and about 60 years old, had been killed in battle by two blows of an axe and then scalped. (A false scalp had been sewn on before burial.) He had been tattooed richly with intricate and astoundingly vital designs of cavorting animals—real and imaginary—and the tattooed skin of his arm (as well as his skull) are to be on exhibition. His wife, aged about 40, was tall and, interestingly, of European type.

Both had been embalmed by a Scythian process described by the Greek historian Herodotus, who noted the Scythians' use of hashish for their religion, exemplified here by the tomb's bronze censer which contained seeds of wild hemp or cannabis. This censer, the chieftain's shirt and one of his wife's boots, its sole elaborately patterned with glass beads and pyrite crystals, will all be on display, as well as the tomb's collapsible table for nomadic use.

The fifth tomb, containing another tattooed man, revealed outstanding textiles: brightly dyed appliqué felt hangings depicting monsters and riders, a saddle-cloth covered in embroidered Chinese silk (to be exhibited) and above all, a red and yellow woollen pile carpet, two metres square, acknowledged as the oldest knitted carpet in the world and possibly used for gaming—but unfortunately too fragile to travel.

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Enormous potential

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The Russians are interested in the British oil industry's experience in difficult conditions like the North Sea and Alaska. Discussions with BP so far have concentrated on non-Siberian areas, but presumably talks could extend to Siberia as this is opened up.

Continental and Japanese companies are competing for an important gas lift/order for the Samotlor and Fyedorovsk oil fields in western Siberia. Camco, the United Kingdom subsidiary of Camco of Houston, Texas, is hoping to get a sub-contract worth between $30m and $40m.

Geography might seem to set the pattern of foreign trade, with European companies helping to develop the west of the Soviet Union and Japanese and American finance and technology active in the east.

But distance does not necessarily dictate the scope for business. Siberia is after all the source of Russian diamonds, including the uncut gems marketed through London. Only a small quantity of British fur imports from the Soviet Union, however, originate in Siberia. It can be up to 10 per cent in a year but is sometimes much less.

The Finns are helping to develop water, mineral and timber resources in Karelia close to their own borders, but they are also involved in the Norilsk mining and metallurgical complex near the Yenisey river in northern Siberia.

The French, who have been increasing their Soviet trade, signed a cooperation agreement for the Ust-Ilimsk pulp and paper complex north of Bratsk in eastern Siberia.

English traders first reached Russia by sailing to its Arctic coast, and 20 per cent of British timber, pulp and paper imports from the Soviet Union are shipped from Siberia through the port of Igarka on the Yenisey. This is only open from June to October, but perpetual daylight then allows constant loading.

British industries are arguably more experienced than their European rivals in tackling the sheer physical difficulties faced in extracting oil and minerals in Siberia. But any optimism that Siberian contracts will suddenly eat up chunks of British credit must be tempered by the signs that the Russians are in no great hurry to seek other than selective outside help in opening up their new frontier.

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On the occasion of British Week in Novosibirsk Pergamon Press, in co-operation with the USSR Academy of Sciences, is holding an exhibition of its large range of scientific, technical and educational books and journals at the Library of USSR Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch, Sibirskoe Otdelenie Biblioteki Akademii Nauk, Sovetskaja 20, Novosibirsk.

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2,000-mile railway is 'project of the century'

by John Fraser

In the seventeenth century it took the Russian explorer-trader, Yerofei Khabarov, and his contemporaries more than a year to cross the vast wilderness of Siberia to found the Tsar's Far Eastern territories.

Now residents of the modern city of Khabarovsk—named after the explorer—tell visitors "we're only seven hours from Moscow".

But that time is by non-stop Ilyushin-62 jet airliner, and transport through the hinterland remains one of the biggest difficulties facing economic planners trying to exploit the wealth of eastern Siberia.

In 1978 there is still only one year-round ground route linking European Russia to the Pacific—the 75-year-old Trans-Siberian Railway. Fast passenger trains on the congested line take eight days from Moscow to the Pacific.

In the early 1970s the planners came up with an ambitious transport scheme which in one giant step is scheduled to transform eastern Siberia—the Baikal-Amur Railway, or BAM for short. Officially depicted as *the boldest railway scheme* ever undertaken, BAM is probably the biggest construction project in the world.

The project, now almost halfway to its 1983 completion date, is the stuff of official Soviet legend. No other country could marshall the vast manpower and concentration of resources needed to force the railway through 2,000 miles of uninhabited and largely frozen swamp, forest and mountains.

By the end of the 1980s, BAM — known to every *Russian schoolchild as the* "project of the century"— is scheduled to have developed a zone of almost a million square miles, an area larger than Europe. Industrial centrees, such as the newly founded town of Neryungri, are being built to exploit the still largely unexplored natural resources of the area.

Eventually, according to the official plan, trains will be carrying timber, copper, gold and precious metal, iron and coal from the BAM zone where hardly a bulldozed track existed until 1974.

The combined copper deposits in the BAM zone are reported to exceed those of the United States, Zambia and Chile put together. The railway will also provide a through route to the east for oil shipments from the Tyumen fields of western Siberia, and a scheme to use BAM for the transport of natural gas from Yakutia is also under discussion.

But the project—estimated by Western experts to cost eventually about $15,000m—has its critics, not all of them outside the Soviet Union. They feel that in spite of previous Soviet success with grandiose projects, BAM represents an over-ambitious plan which may for years yield little in return for the astronomic investment in manpower and money.

The idea of building a second Trans-Siberian Railway was first projected during the 1930s and under Stalin's orders work began, shrouded in secrecy, on several sections of the line, but the war and the technical difficulties of building a railway on earthquake-prone *permafrost soil forced the* abandonment of the project.

In the late 1960s, with the old Trans-Siberian Railway no longer able to cope with its heavy traffic, the idea was revived. In 1974 the Communist Party secretary, Mr Leonid Brezhnev, launched the project with an appeal to the nation's youth to rally to BAM, declaring it "the key to opening up yet untouched, inestimable treasures in Siberia and the Far East".

The BAM line, now a third completed, runs several hundred *miles to the north of* the old Tsarist railway, linking Ust-Kut, west of Lake Baikal in central Siberia, to Komsomolsk-na-Amure in the Far East. Existing lines carry on from there to the Pacific east port of Sovetskaya Gavan.

The man in charge of the project, Mr Konstantin Mokhortov, a deputy Minister of Transport Construction, and his colleagues are reticent about what is believed to be an important reason for the priority being accorded to BAM. The railway, which for its entire length does not run through any previously existing town or village, has a powerful strategic value.

For much of its length the old railway runs too close to the troubled border with China for the liking of the Soviet military. On one stretch it runs along the Amur river, the border region disputed by China and close to the scene of recent armed clashes. Presumably the Kremlin felt it would be too easy for the vast army drawn up on the other side to advance a few miles and sever its only arterial link to the Pacific.

The new mainline, linked by branches to the Trans-Siberian Railway, will not only develop and populate the region and increase trade with Japan and the Pacific basin, but also provide mobility for Soviet troops and equipment a safe distance from the frontier.

BAM's main difficulties apparently stem from human rather than technical deficiencies. With the Soviet Union already suffering a labour shortage, the project managers have been hard put to it to attract the skilled workers willing to put up with a tough and dangerous life thousands of miles from home in temperatures down to —50°C and as high as 30°C in the summer.

Officially an enthusiastic young labour force, organized by the Komsomol Communist youth organization, is flocking to BAM for reasons of idealism, patriotism and adventure. Mr Mokhortov told foreign reporters earlier this year that the labour problem was minor and that BAM attracted the best workers. "The labour brigades have developed in the younger workers the fighting spirit, stamina, high moral standards and skills", he said.

The official media pour out thousands of words a week on the achievements of the *hamorsi*, estimated to number about 100,000. Television shows young Komsomol brigades boarding trains in Moscow and Leningrad for their stint on the track. Exhibitions depict BAM's progress, books of poetry glorify its idealism and a BAM encyclopaedia gives the facts.

Besides the Soviet workers sometimes organized in brigades representing each of the republics, student groups from abroad and from Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University for Third World students lend a hand in the summer.

A Soviet newspaper recently printed the result of a survey on motives for going to BAM. It gave as a typical reply: "I came for a dream, not for money".

But a somewhat different picture emerged from the first visit by a group of foreign reporters to the eastern section of the railway earlier this year. For example, conversations with workers at the Ukrainian settlement of Urgal, an hour's jet flight and a bumpy drive from Khabarovsk, indicated that higher salaries, good work prospects and material incentives may be playing a large part in attracting labour.

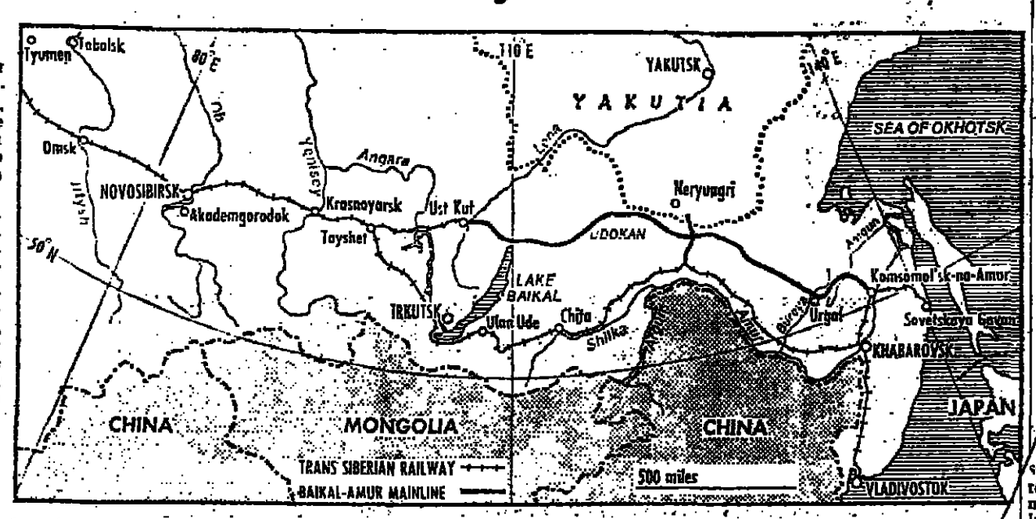
The 2,000 Urgal workers and their families have amenities including theatres, cinema, television, a gymnasium, hairdressers and well-stocked food shops.

Urgal's flats, shown to correspondents, are reasonably comfortable and all heated. The settlement's 400 children attend *kindergarten and* school on the site. The average salary of 180rbl (£290) a month is more than double the national average.

Several of the workers who talked to journalists also indicated that skilled professionals dominated over the young so-called volunteers of the official propaganda. The workers intended to spend up to five years working on the project before returning home to live in the western Soviet Union.

The project officials insist that despite Soviet press reports of labour unrest that included a strike in 1975, there is a low defection rate from BAM. Mr Mokhortov said only 7 per cent of the workforce leaves each year. But he did confirm a less publicized source of labour on BAM — the Red Army. Railway construction battalions are undertaking some of the toughest jobs on the project.

The Soviet press has been fairly frank in its criticism of BAM's management for inefficiency and lack of co-ordination. The enormous supply difficulties inherent in such a project have been aggravated by the failure of some ministries to meet delivery dates for equipment, bureaucratic disputes and what some experts diagnose as a lack of sufficient planning.



Conditions hamper oil extraction

by Harry Dunphy

Although the Soviet Union leads the world in oil production and is the only major industrial nation which is self-efficient in fossil fuel, signs are emerging that the Soviet Union is anxious about the future of its energy resources.

Several studies made in the West have shown that the Soviet Union may find it difficult to meet its needs and the needs of Eastern Europe by the mid-1980s.

The American Central Intelligence Agency reported last year that Soviet oil production could reach its peak this year, certainly by the early 1980s.

According to industry specialists the country has to produce between 2,000 million and 4,000 million barrels of extra oil every year until 1985 if production targets for the mid-1980s are to be met. Thus greater emphasis is being placed on exploration.

Most growth in Soviet oil output since the Second World War has been near the Caspian Sea, the Volga River and the Ural Mountains, with the Tyumen fields in western Siberia "the discovery of the century", becoming significant since 1965.

According to Western studies the next likely areas for exploration after western Siberia are the Arctic, eastern Siberia and off-shore development in the Soviet Far East.

But at present Moscow's attention is focused on western Siberia. In 1977 western Siberia produced 4,300,000 barrels a day, 39 per cent of the nation's total output. Natural gas production was 72,000 million cu *metres or 21 per cent of the* nation's total.

Soviet officials predict that by 1980 oil production in the region will increase 50 per cent and the gas flow will double. After that, growth is expected to average at least 10 per cent a year until 1990. But the obstacles in the way of such rosy predictions are formidable.

In the nation's biggest oil region, the sprawling Tyumen fields, officials are candid about the treacherous weather and difficult conditions they must face.

Temperatures drop to —60°F in winter, which makes drilling and exploration painfully slow. Metal can snap like a matchstick. In the short hot summer, roads and drilling platforms can sink into mosquito-infested marshes.

To attract people willing to work in such severe conditions, the Government pays oil workers £350 a month—about three times the national average. They get 42 days a year in holidays.

Many workers, particularly in construction, come to western Siberia for only three or four years. But perhaps as many others stay longer, bringing their wives and children with them.

In the western Siberian city of Surgut, for example, the population in 1965, when the oil boom started, was 10,000. Now it is 81,000 and increasing by 5,000 to 6,000 a year.

Surgut is only one of several cities in the Tyumen region, which has spawned 21 new towns in just the past five years as oil and natural gas production have grown.

The cost of opening up this frontier region has been colossal. According to one estimate the Soviet Union will have spent more than $50,000m between 1971 and 1980.

More than $1,000m has already been spent on road building. Yet huge areas remain almost inaccessible. Some oil fields can be reached only by boat in the summer.

Officials say only 5 per cent of the Tyumen region has been thoroughly explored. The Soviet press has criticized geologists for not finding enough new oil in the areas they do explore.

The principal gas-bearing areas of Siberia — along the Ob river in the north-west and in the autonomous Soviet republic of Yakutia in the centre — are basically uninhabited areas which the Soviet Union wants to open up to reduce dependence on imports. But gas projects are prohibitively expensive.

In addition, domestic industries are incapable of supplying the required quantity of pipelines or the necessary equipment to extract and liquefy the natural gas for transport. These two facts have forced the Soviet Union to enter into a variety of agreements with several West European nations.

The Europeans have been supplying the pipelines, refinery equipment and credits to Moscow, which then pays off the debt with deliveries of natural gas, usually over a 20-year period. Such deals, however, have been limited to gas from the regions west of the giant Siberian deposits.

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Sunny modern city on banks of Ob

by Richard North

In 1893 the Russian engineers building the Trans-Siberian Railway came to the mighty river Ob, the fourth largest in the world. They built a bridge across the river and on its east bank a station and a town, which was named Novonikolayevsk in honour of the new Tsar Nicholas II. Eighty-five-years later the town has become a city of almost a million and a half, spilt over on to the other bank of the Ob, and has a post-revolutionary name—Novosibirsk.

Novosibirsk is the unofficial capital of Siberia. Though farther from Moscow than London is, it is still considerably less than half-way along the Trans-Siberian Railway from the Soviet capital to Vladivostock. In summer the busy modern city belies the popular image of Siberia as a land of forest and taiga, mosquitoes and firtrees, salt-mines and labour camps. The original wooden houses are almost all gone, and the remaining few threatened with the bulldozer.

Novosibirsk today is a city of trams and trolley-buses, broad, tree-lined boulevards, parks, squares and modern blocks of flats. By Soviet standards it would do credit to European Russia west of the Ural mountains.

As summer temperatures soar into the upper eighties and higher, the Siberians of Novosibirsk flock to the banks of the Ob to sunbathe or fish. The more energetic go sailing, boating or swimming on the Ob sea, an artificial reservoir which stretches 125 miles southwards from the city. Locals claim that they enjoy more sunshine each year than the traditional Soviet holiday resorts on the Black Sea do. Summer may be all shirt-sleeves and ice-creams, but the Siberian winter brings temperatures as low as —40°F to Novosibirsk. But the citizens are used to their weather, even proud of it, and like to quote the old Russian proverb: "In Siberia the winter lasts 12 months, the rest is summer."

Soviet planners have long seen the development of Siberia as central to their country's economic future, and Novosibirsk, as its capital, plays a big part. Though younger by at least 200 years than other Siberian towns like Irkutsk and Tobolsk, Novosibirsk has easily outstripped them.

A thriving industrial centre, it is also at the heart of a large farming area. In the years before the revolution, Siberian agriculture enjoyed a boom, with dairy produce sold as far afield as Britain, and the Soviet Government is keen to fulfil the considerable potential of its eastern farmlands. Just outside Novosibirsk a huge scientific institute is under construction and research has already begun there on developing farming methods, fertilizers and seeds specially suited to Siberian conditions. By 1990, when the complex is due to be completed, it will have cost £250m to build.

Twenty miles to the south lies the key to Siberia's economic future—Akademgorodok. In a small, purpose-built town among the picturesque silver birch and pine forests, some 22,000 of the Soviet Union's most brilliant scientists and economists live and carry out research into a wide range of technical subjects.

The story behind the community officially the headquarters of the Siberian branch of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, is that the people who mastermind the development of the Siberian virgin lands, with their immense deposits of valuable minerals and fuels, ought to live in Siberia. In Akademgorodok, which means "academic town", teams of specialists go over the ground-work for the big projects which the Kremlin hopes will transform the territory, and also carry out research with general significance. The Soviet Union's present top priority project, the Baikal-Amur railway (BAM) was planned there.

Founded by the Government in 1957 on the initiative of a group of visionary young scientists, Akademgorodok quickly lured boffins from the large cities of Western Russia with a reputation *for luxurious living* standards, high wages, frequent trips abroad and a relaxed cultural atmosphere. As a rule the scientists and their families who make up the population of the little town have no desire to return to Russia proper. "The opportunities for scientific research and study are wider here", one specialist says.

The steady flow of official visits to the West provides the community with an abundant supply of the jeans, tee-shirts and other Western fashions so sought after by Soviet youth.

Akademgorodok is, by Soviet standards, a smart town, clean and well looked after. It picks out many of the territory's brightest children for education at its own school to ensure that it gets the best of Siberia's young scientific brains.

The fact that Siberia's biggest city lies on one of Siberia's massive waterways is no coincidence. The rivers are the obvious thoroughfares for the largely undeveloped country during the summer. Each year the Ob, together with its longer tributary the Irtysh, carries more than 45 million tonnes of timber, tractors, coal and supplies of every kind.

Novosibirsk is unique in Siberia in many ways. Its opera-house, where art treasures evacuated from Moscow were stored during the Second World War, seats 2,000 people and is the largest between the Urals and the Pacific Ocean. The organ in the Novosibirsk Conservatory is the only one in Siberia.

Work is due to begin soon on an underground railway more than 30 miles long for the growing city. The citizens are proud of their town and believe it has a great future as the centre of a national drive to unlock the riches of Siberia.

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Warm welcome from Grandfather Frost

by Edmund Stevens

A tourist trip to Siberia? At first many would flinch from the very mention of the name. Siberia has too long been associated with travel of a different kind, for political and other prisoners, exiled thousands of miles from civilization.

Today the picture is changing, with the development of natural resources and the growth of new industrial centres in the wilderness.

In the past decade foreign tourism to Siberia has increased by 10 times compared with a two and a half times increase for the Soviet Union as a whole. Yet the number is still small. Of the four million foreign tourists who visited the Soviet Union in 1977, only 70,000 went to Siberia. Many more would have gone there had they been able to book reservations. The problem is shortage of accommodation. Additional hotels are planned, but building is slow, largely because of labour shortage.

Industrial projects have higher priority. At present only five cities in Siberia and the Far East accept foreign tourists: Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Bratsk, Khabarovsk and the Pacific port of Nakhodka. The Intourist hotel in Novosibirsk has only 100 beds, in Irkutsk 420, Khabarovsk 500. Apart from lack of accommodation, many cities and areas are out of bounds to foreigners for security reasons, among them the industrial centres of Chelensk, Cheliabinsk, Omsk and Vladivostok, where the Soviet Far Eastern naval base is located.

By far the main centre of attraction for the foreign tourist is the easternmost Siberian city of Irkutsk, fortified and established in 1661 as a trading post and staging area on the trade route between Russia and China. In the nineteenth century Irkutsk merchants made big *fortunes in the* gold and fur trades. Although they have long since vanished, their fine town houses in the business centre of Irkutsk still bear witness to their tastes and affluence.

For an extra fee the Intourist office in Irkutsk organizes shooting parties, including bear hunts. In winter the snow-mantled *taiga* (forest) around Irkutsk serves as a classic setting of the Siberian winter, with temperatures below zero centigrade.

In recent years airborne winter excursions from England to Irkutsk have been organized by Thomson Holidays and other travel services. The programme laid on by Intourist includes *troika* sleighrides through the woods with bells jingling, followed by a ball in the Hotel Angara restaurant, where a Grandfather Frost (Russian version of Santa Claus) acts as master of ceremonies, assisted by snow maidens. Champagne corks pop as the clock strikes midnight and everyone sits down to a supper of *bliny* (pancakes), *Pelmeni* (Siberian dumplings), caviar and smoked salmon.

By far the most spectacular item on the Siberian tour is Lake Baikal the world's largest fresh water lake with a volume of 23,000 cu km, and an average depth of 700 metres. The lake is 636 km long and the maximum width is 79.5 km.

The surface is frozen from the end of October until early May. It is rich in flora and fauna, with more than 1,200 species of fish and animals, many of them peculiar to Baikal. Until recently there was no lakeside accommodation for tourists, but now there is a hotel, with rooms for 84 guests. In summer excursion boats and hydrofoils ply the lake which is surrounded by forested hills. Its crystal clear water at its warmest is *too cold for all but hardy* bathers.

For environmental reasons Lake Baikal has been declared a protected zone. This came after a pulp and cellulose complex was built on its shores despite the opposition of environmentalists. The authorities are now determined to go slow in further exposing the lake to pollution by the mass development of tourism.

Lake Baikal's outlet is the Angara river, which in the early 1960s was dammed for an electric power plant, thereby raising the waters of the lake by more than one metre and upsetting the delicate ecological balance. Corrective measures have been taken since then.

Next on the tourist itinerary is the new industrial centre of Bratsk. It is located about 500km north of Irkutsk downstream on the Angara river. The Bratsk hydroelectric power station has converted the river into an inland sea, drowning 570 sq. miles of forest land.

The city itself, modern and well planned, with a population of nearly 200,000, was founded in 1955 on the site of a fortified post established in 1631.

The Intourist Taiga Hotel is spacious, and like Irkutsk, provides New Year festivities for foreign tourists.

Fourth on the list of trans-Siberian tourist objectives is Khabarovsk, founded in 1858 and named after Yerofey Khabarovsk, seventeenth-century explorer. It is located at the confluence of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, at a point only a short distance from the Soviet-Chinese border.

Primarily an industrial city, it has little to offer the *foreign tourist, save as a* transit point between Tokyo by air, or by rail to Nakhodka, the deep water port on the Sea of Japan, which handles the bulk of sea-going commerce with Far Eastern countries as well as the United States.

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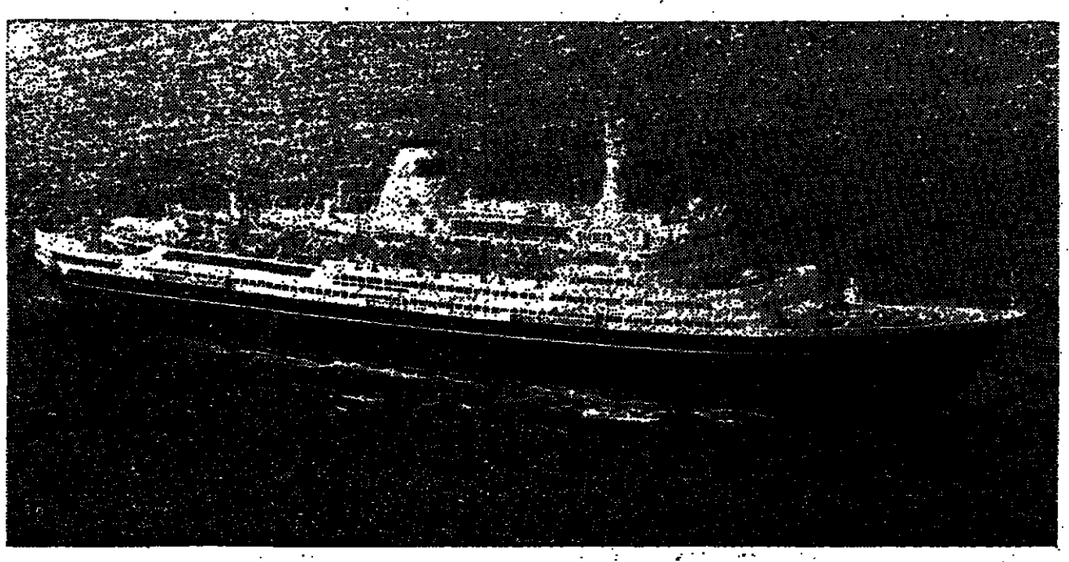
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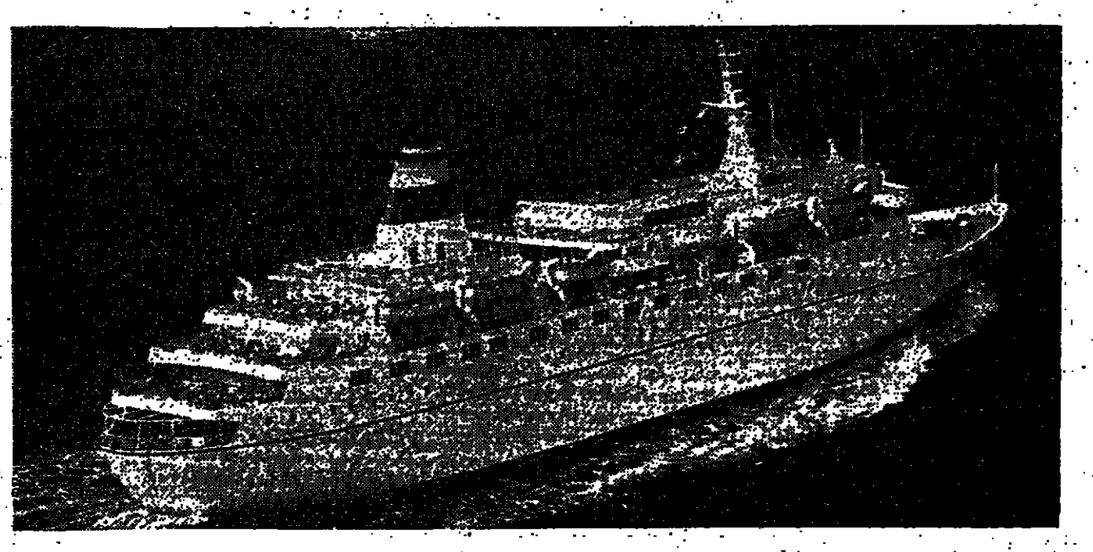
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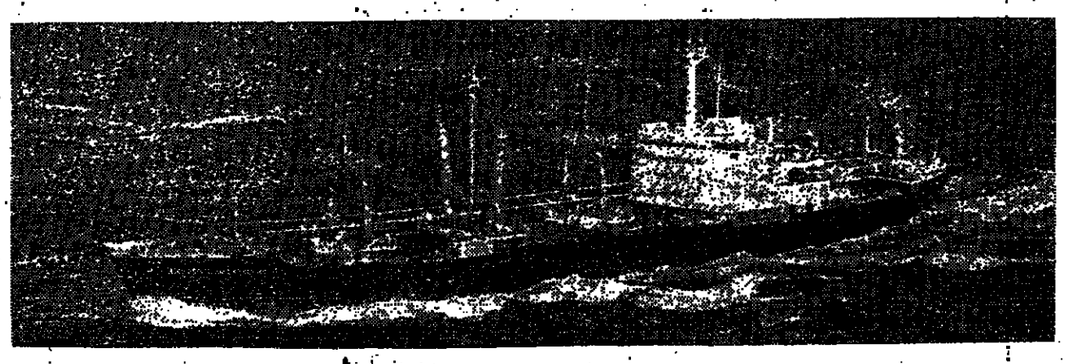
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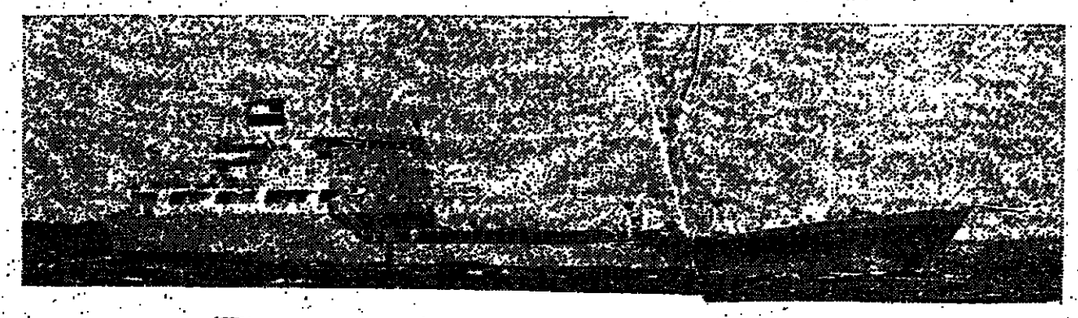
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HE ARAB REACTION WHICH COUNTS

Abu Dhabi yesterday the i-official newspaper *Al-had* criticized the concessions le by Egypt at Camp David called for an Arab summit dissuade Egypt from imple-nting the proposed peace ty and to organize "a com-n and global strategy ensur-the total withdrawal of Israel the recognition of the Pale-ian people's rights". This is ery good indication of the l of pressure that President at is going to come under in next few months. Abu bi, capital of the United b Emirates, is anything but a re of Arab extremism. But s one of those enormously lthy oil-producing states, t almost non-existent native ulations, which have helped keep Egypt just solvent for last few years. Its ruler, ikh Zaid, is an extremely tious man who is very anxi-not to be accused of using his l-given wealth to push other bs around. His line on the b-Israel conflict has consist-y been that he supports the estinian cause but that how : cause can best be furthered for the front-line states to ide.

he fact that the Abu Dhabi ss is being encouraged to sent the Camp David agree-nt in these terms shows, efore, how dangerously ated President Sadat is now le to find himself in the Arab ld. Some other usually lerate newspapers in the Gulf e gone much further, notably *Jabas* of Kuwait which, er the headline "Farewell at", described the agreement as a surgical operation which had cut Egypt off from other Arabs. That is rhetoric. Egypt is still by far the largest Arab country, in terms of population, and the indispensable geographical and cultural centre of the Arab world. But that will make most other Arab states all the more anxious to dissuade or prevent her from taking any step which they see as irrevocably divisive, and there can be little doubt that that is how they see a separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Mr Sadat will not be too worried by any impassioned editorials in Arab newspapers, by any threats or fulminations from the PLO, by any finger-wagging from Moscow or by any solemn condemnations from the "steadfastness" summit of Syria, Algeria, Libya, South Yemen and the PLO which opens in Damascus today. Indeed such attacks my help him to quell any doubts in Egypt itself and rally the Egyptians to his defence. Egyptians generally believe, not without reason, that they have made greater sacrifices than any-one else for the Arab cause and that it is not for any other Arabs to give their leader lessons in Arab patriotism. But there are at least two states about whose reactions Mr Sadat must be greatly concerned: Jordan, be-cause the implementation of the "framework of peace in the Middle East" which he nego-tiated so laboriously with Mr Begin depends on Jordanian participation; and Saudi Arabia, because continued financial support from there is crucial to Egypt's economic survival.

President Carter is acutely aware of the importance of these two states, and has already des-patched Mr Vance to try and win them over. In Jordan's case the task will not be easy, since Jor-dan is required to take positive steps which would expose King Husain to difficulties and dan-gers of a type which he has largely escaped since the Rabat Arab summit of 1974. He point-edly avoided meeting Mr Sadat in Morocco this week, flying home instead to chair a special cabinet meeting last night after which it was announced that Jordan does not feel bound morally or legally by the results of Camp David. He is unlikely to budge from this position unless given much clearer undertakings about Israeli withdrawal from the whole of the West Bank and recognition of Arab sovereignty there than are contained in the Camp David agreement.

Nor is it surprising that Saudi Arabia has now rejected the outcome of the summit to protect herself from Arab opprobrium, as she did after Mr Sadat's visit to Jerusalem last November. That does not matter so much. What would matter would be a cutting-off of economic aid to Egypt. But this is a step the Saudi rulers would certainly not take lightly, since they would be extremely nervous about the political complexion of any regime in Egypt that might replace Mr Sadat. Nor would they want to do anything to undermine American influence in the Middle East. At the very least they will give Mr Vance a full hearing before directing any sanctions against Egypt.

) THEY PROPOSE EXPULSION FOR ULSTER?

John Pardoe is too modest estimates that a third of the eral party would say with "Troops Out". Gallup Poll just found for the Irish adcasting authority that a tary withdrawal from Ulster, ediately or within five years, ld meet with the approval of per cent of respondents in land, Scotland and Wales to-er. So unless Liberals are ther-minded about this than generality of their fellow ens, which seems unlikely, Pardoe can enlarge his claim.

fact opinion polls have id a consistent majority in ur of the withdrawal of the y for the past four years, therefore presumably ugh one cannot be quite) a majority in favour of aterally ending the Ulster lexion. A study which thclyde University has just e shows that since June 1974 it is just after the Ulster eral strike, the collapse of the ningdale executive, and the ersion to direct rule) seven eys have given a majority aging 57 per cent in favour phased withdrawal. So the st poll shows no change in respect.

fore surprisingly the poll id that 54 per cent rated thern Ireland as "very im-tant", on a scale ranging n that to "very unimpor-", when considered with e various problems facing the British Government and people at the present time". Only 46 per cent rated race rela-tions so highly and 6 per cent Scottish devolution. This appears to conflict with consistent replies to Gallup's routine monthly ques-tions "What would you say is the most urgent problem (next most urgent problem) facing the country at the present time?", when Northern Ireland comes no-where. But it is of course pos-sible to hold that Northern Ire-land is a very important problem without holding that it is one of the two most urgent problems, and "race relations" does not have precisely the same connota-tion as "immigration". Political pressures coming up from below would cause most MPs to side with that part of Gallup which shows immigration exercising voters' minds a great deal more than Ulster. Anyway the replies to vaguish questions differ with the context in which the ques-tions are asked.

Since 48 per cent of these same respondents when asked what would happen after with-drawal of the soldiers without political agreement in Ulster answered "an increase in violence", they seem ready to contemplate the consequences of their recommendation. But how hard have they looked? One would like to ask them, or ask Mr Pardoe on their behalf, whether civil responsibility in Northern Ireland would be relinquished and British sovereignty extinguished to coincide with the withdrawal of troops; if not, would the soldiers' function be performed by a locally recruited force or is it supposed that the soldiers' function would disappear because of the instant disappear-ance of armed subversion? If sovereignty is to be renounced, who takes over? Mr Jack Lynch backed by the Irish army? The Provisional IRA? A United Nations administration and peace keeping force? A government formed from the political material of Northern Ireland?

If the latter, what sort of government is envisaged in the absence of pre-arranged agree-ment between unionist and nationalists? Would there be any viable alternative to a government furnished by the present unionist majority? If that were the successor regime, would Britain give it or deny it the arms and equipment neces-sary for internal security? If a province which has been fully part of the United Kingdom for 178 years and which contains a consistent majority in favour of remaining so has the civil and military authority of the state withdrawn from it, how is that to be described other than as expulsion from the kingdom? By what principle is expulsion of a province from the kingdom justified?

POSSIBLE SOMOZA SHOULD GO

is encouraging that the anization of American States finally agreed on the need to e notice of the fighting and odshed in Nicaragua. By ing an emergency meeting of eign Ministers for tomorrow members have recognized t the violence of the last few ks cannot be regarded as just ocal issue, but is a matter of cern to most of the countries the area. It has already sed apprehension in the rest Central America, where the ious governments are sensi-to pressures across their ders. Costa Rica, a country ch prides itself on being a nocracy, and on having no y, has just signed an agree-it for "mutual assistance and peration" with Venezuela by ch Venezuelan aircraft are ioned at airfields south of the araguan frontier.

will not be easy for the isters or their representa-s to reach agreement on what to do. The fighting of the last few weeks has made it quite clear that President Somoza and his regime are extremely un-popular in much of Nicaragua, in many very different sectors of the population. But it has also shown that he is militarily much stronger than the rebels, with the National Guard behind him, and that he is prepared to put down the uprising with great ruthlessness. In these circum-stances the countries of Latin America, like countries else-where, are bound to be reluctant to see a new regime imposed by pressure from outside. It is a principle that few of them, par-ticularly of those with military regimes themselves, would want to accept.

So far most of the pressure for action by the OAS has come from Venezuela and Costa Rica, both of whose governments have long been opposed to the Somoza regime. Many of the guerrillas now fighting in Nicaragua have come from bases in Costa Rica, which explains the nervousness of the Costa Rican government about its border. But it has now become clear for everyone to see that the situation in Nicaragua is not going to calm down as long as President Somoza—or even someone else associated with him—remains in power. So the objective of tomorrow's meeting and of any diplomatic contacts which follow it should be to find a way of easing President Somoza out, and the prime role will have to be played by the United States, however unwill-ing it may be to come out into the open about it. It is under-standable that the Americans are apprehensive about intervening, and that they are afraid to open the way to a Marxist govern-ment. But the way to avoid this is to act soon, while the leftist guerrillas are still only part of a very diverse opposition, and before they achieve ascendancy over the others.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rules about confidence in citizen advice

From the Director of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux

Sir, Last week's statements by the Association of Chief Police Officers on the maintenance of confidenti-ality by social services, the medical profession, and others showed an understandable concern that the community should be supporting the police in carrying out their duties.

In omitting any reference to the authority of the courts to issue witness summons, the police officers seem to be suggesting a shift of authority from the courts to the judgment of the police themselves on when information must or must not be withheld. This would strike at the root of the individual's confi-dence in personal social services and counselling and advisory services such as Citizens Advice Bureaux.

What is absolutely certain is that the priest, the doctor, the social worker, the voluntary worker, the CAB worker, the journalist, and similar people have no privileges as such, no legal right to refuse to answer a question in court simply because the information was com-municated "in confidence". Only the client of the lawyer enjoys privilege.

Where, however, there is present an element of public interest, not just a claim of privilege arising out of the relationship, then the judge does have a discretion to permit a witness to refuse to disclose informa-tion or the source of information. The circumstances in which that discretion will be exercised are not clear, and remain to be worked out. There must be a public interest more than the mere fact of con-fidentiality.

It is to be hoped and indeed anti-cipated that the judges will take the view that there is a public interest, a strong public interest, in protect-ing the social worker, statutory or voluntary, from being required to make disclosure. The CAB move-ment has existed for many years, it is a voluntary movement, it is of the highest repute, it has conferred immense service and benefit upon the public; and it has always made it absolutely clear to everybody that absolute confidence is observed; a fundamental tenet of the movement, known to and properly expected by the public.

The worker must always scrupu-lously observe confidentiality. If asked by a third party to make disclosure he should unequivocally and steadfastly refuse. He should decline to answer any questions from a police officer, not even the fact of a visit, explaining the reason for his action. If the matter comes to the court and he is sub-poenaed the worker should go into the witness box when called, at once make his position clear, and if a question is asked which would in answer require breach of con-fidentiality he should decline to answer and seek the permission of the judge to decline to answer. The matter then becomes a matter for the judge with whom the ultimate responsibility lies. The order of the judge must be obeyed. But no-one could reproach a worker who steadfastly refused to break confidentiality except upon the express order of a judge in open court. The worker is not seeking to uphold any personal pritilege but the trust of the client.

Confidentiality undoubtedly poses a dilemma in circumstances when a worker comes by knowledge of a criminal activity (which with cer-tain qualifications there is in law no duty to disclose).

Protection of the public, truth, justice and confidentiality are all sound values, but in a critical situa-tion they may conflict, and a choice has to be made. However, the worker is not there to judge the client, but to help him to come to terms with himself and his situa-tion. Confidentiality transcends the other values. Confidentiality would mean nothing if it were not absolute, if the worker were to decide what he would disclose and what he would not disclose.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY LEIGHTON,
Director, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux,
110 Drury Lane, WC2.
September 18.

Suspending prison terms

From Sir Robert Lusty

Sir, Such slight experience as I have in prison matters makes com-ment almost impertinent, but with some trepidation I suggest that an additional procedure could well be introduced between the present leniency of a "suspended" sentence and the operation of the Parole Board after a third of a sentence has been served.

It can surely be accepted that for many who are consigned to a prison of any kind, the first year or two of incarceration must be the most traumatic and the most punishing? Indeed, a few months should be enough for many now serving as many years. After a while there appears to come a degree of accept-ance of the routine of every day and every week which dulls inevitably the shock of those first punishing months. Obviously there are some for whom long detention is the only protection society can be given and "punishment" ceases to have much relevance. But there may well be a majority of offenders who, having endured the punishing shock of a sentence, would never wish to experience it for a second time.

Could there not be a new cate-gory best described as "sentence suspended", enabling a judge to decide upon a term of years of any severity he thinks fitting, but in cases which seem appropriate to him, suspend the sentence after a much lesser period has been served?

Should any subsequent offence be committed not only would it incur its own penalty, but the remaining years of the sentence suspended would have to be served and the prisoner would then come within the purview of the Parole Board in the normal way.

I suggest that some such addi-tional flexibility might meet both the punitive requirements of justice and go some way to relieving the present insupportable strains on the prison service.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LUSTY,
The Old Silk Mill,
Blockley,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire.
September 18.

Relying on the free market

From Professor John Kenneth Galbraith

Sir, Few will think that my friend, Professor Milton Friedman, is in need of sympathy. In the United States he is enjoying a vogue on tax reduction and the consequent curtailment of expenditure for schools, police, welfare and other public services equalled only by the celebration of Professor Arthur Laffer of the Curve, his onetime colleague though not necessarily friend.

But Professor Friedman's letter of August 15, protests in the strongest terms that his advice is rejected by a conservative government such as that of Israel and an extreme right-wing one such as that of Chile. Since, as he would wholeheartedly agree, he is wholly without hope on the centre or left, what for my unhappy colleague remains? Nothing alas; impractical for his coreligionists, wrong for the rest. Could there be a worse fate for an economist? Let all who so describe themselves, whatever their faith, join in tears for my friend.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. GALBRAITH,
Harvard University,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.
September 8.

An incomes policy

From Mr John Watkinson, MP for Gloucestershire, West (Labour)

Sir, In his recent article (September 14) Mr Lawson dismisses incomes policy as a tool for controlling inflation. This dangerous simplicity cannot go unchallenged.

It is the case that all governments, whatever their political colour, must adopt some view about the rate at which the overall wage bill should expand. And the pressure to do so is the more acute in inflationary times.

I do not see how any government, including a Tory government, can escape from stating and backing what it considers to be an appro-priate figure for wage settlements in the public sector. It may do so directly, or indirectly, by rigid adherence to a system of cash limits.

The calculation for the public sector should have a spill over effect into the private sector. And if it did not it is clear from Mr Lawson's article that a Tory government would ultimately regu-late settlements in the private sector through control over the money supply.

Until there is some voluntary consensus about how far the nation can expand the wages bill, the government cannot avoid pursuing an incomes policy.

The only issue left to the govern-ment is how explicit that policy should be.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WATKINSON,
House of Commons.
September 16.

Conservatives and race

From Mr Narindar Saroop

Sir, Many Asians have contacted me over this past weekend to protest strongly about Mr Steel's comments at the Liberal Party Conference that "racialism has pervaded the think-ing of the Conservative Party".

During the local government elec-tions earlier this year there were no fewer than 30 Tory Party candidates, who are members of ethnic minori-ties. There are currently at least five Tory councillors who are again mem-bers of ethnic minorities, serving on various councils in the country. There are two Asian prospective par-liamentary candidates. Further, this Society has a wide membership with many branches around the country.

Could Mr Steel please make avail-able corresponding figures for the Liberal Party? Would he also, as an outwardly responsible politician, agree that his remarks are not con-ducive to harmonious community relations, the fostering and pro-tection of which is a cardinal point of Tory philosophy and policy.

A drowning man is entitled to clutch at any straw. But really, Mr Steel's supporters would normally expect better from the high-minded principles that their leadership professes.

Yours faithfully,
NARINDAR SAROOP, Chairman,
United Kingdom Anglo Asian Conservative Society,
32 South Square, SW1.
September 18.

Future of Chiswick Eyot

From Mr Michael Manser

Sir, I have a letter before me from Mr Randle, Engineer & Surveyor to the London Borough of Hounslow, saying that his Roads and Works sub-committee have been consider-ing a number of alternatives for the future of Chiswick Eyot. The one he specifically mentions is "the possibility of removing the Eyot completely". He does not say how but I doubt if he has in mind a shovel.

This is the first Thames island above the estuary, provides the first bosky point in the river, a base for fifty geese, numerous ducks, herons and other wildlife, and is enjoyed by thousands of Londoners who walk the circuit between Ham-mersmith and Barnes bridges. Some archaeologists claim it was the site of a prehistoric salted village.

If banished from Hounslow, tidal flows being what they are, it might even resurface at Tower Bridge and become a problem for somebody else's Roads and Works sub-committee.

In the meantime, if Mr Randle needs to fill his time, there are street lights in Chiswick Mall which need repair, or he could restore the grounds of Chiswick House.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MANSER,
154 Westbourne Grove, W11.
September 14.

Legend and fact in the Battle of Britain

From Air Marshal Sir Gerald Gibbs

Sir, On September 15, 1978, in an article in *The Times* Wing Com-mander H. R. Allen—whose pre-vious writings have shown that for some reason he is not in accord with his former Service—wrote denying the vital importance of the victory of the Royal Air Force in the Battle of Britain. It does not seem in good taste that he chose that date for his attack and a simi-lar date for a similar attack in 1974, since it is on September 15 that the nation annually gives thanks for the victory granted in 1940 which saved us from invasion and remem-bers the many hundreds of young men who died in that fight and the many more who were maimed.

He argues that there was no vic-tory in the Battle of Britain because later on in the winter of 1940 Lon-don and other cities were bombed; and he adds that "the German armies could never have set foot on the mainland of Britain since the Royal Navy possessed overwhelming superiority. Sea power was de-cisive".

In fact the later night attacks were not part of the Battle of Britain but an unsuccessful campaign to terrorize the civilian population after the enemy had failed to achieve the air supremacy over our day fighters which was essential to invasion—which was consequently cancelled. As regards his second assertion, if we had lost the Battle of Britain then with our fighters beaten out of the air there would have been *no air cover* for the Royal Navy trying to resist invasion in the narrow waters of the Chan-nel. Against the attacks of the vast German bomber and fighter air forces based close at hand our war-ships could not have survived. One only has to remember the example of how in Crete we lost several cruisers and destroyers to comparati-vely light air attack in a vain attempt to stop invasion *without air cover*. And again at Singapore we lost two capital ships to long-range air attack when the Navy gallantly tried *without air cover* to prevent invasion. We lost both Crete and Singapore.

Views such as those expressed by Wing Commander Allen make strategic nonsense, and are not supported in the least by the British Official History *The Defence of the United Kingdom*, or by German records, or by responsible Naval opinion.

You were good enough to publish a fuller letter of mine on Septem-ber 18, 1974, in response to Wing Commander Allen's former article. I had felt impelled to write, as I do again now, having been Keith Park's second-in-command in the Battle of Britain. My letter was followed by one from Sir Maurice Dean who expressed similar views.

Yours faithfully,
G. E. GIBBS,
170 Coombe Lane West,
Kingston upon Thames,
Surrey.
September 19.

From Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald

Sir, I leave it to others, better qualified than I, to counter Wing Commander H. R. Allen's extra-ordinary contention, in your issue of September 15, that the Battle of Britain never took place, but would welcome the opportunity of point-ing out two of the many errors in his argument.

Firstly he tells us that the assumption that the elimination of Eighter Command was a prerequisite of German invasion, in 1940, was false, because "air forces cannot be eliminated unless armies occupy the stricken airfields". He conveniently ignores the fact that in 1944 the German Air Forces in North West France were eliminated from the air, for all practical purposes, before the first soldier set foot on the Nor-mandy beaches. It was assumed to be a prerequisite of the invasion, it was achieved and the invasion suc-ceeded, by a small margin.

Secondly he argues that there was no invasion of Britain in 19[illegible] because "The Royal Navy possessed overwhelming superiority over the German Navy. Sea power was deci-sive". There may have been some grounds for believing this in the spring of 1940, but not after the successful seaborne invasion of Nor-way in May, which clearly showed that British supremacy at sea did not extend to narrow waters domin-ated by the German Air Force. Inci-dentally, this harsh lesson was rein-forced, later on, when two of the most powerful ships in the British Navy were sunk by land based Japanese aircraft in the China Sea, with very small losses to the Japanese.

By September, 1940, the German High Command, Churchill and Dowding clearly understood that if the Germans could achieve the same degree of air superiority over the Dover Strait as they had enjoyed over the Skagerrak and Kattegat in May, then a seaborne invasion of Britain could have followed the same successful pattern as the inva-sion of Norway. The Germans fought desperately to achieve this and when they failed they cancelled their in-vasion plans. That is what the Battle of Britain was all about. It had noth-ing whatever to do with the night-bombing of cities which both sides carried out after the Battle was over. That is another story altogether.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR McDONALD,
Five Oaks,
Woodside,
Lymington,
Hampshire.
September 17.

From Lady Salmond

Sir, I feel compelled to write a vehement protest against the head-ing of the article in your paper about the Battle of Britain on Sep-tember 15. You venture to call it "The Battle of Britain that never was". That such words could be written is beyond belief by some of us who actually saw the white trails in the clear eastern sky on that September morning, twisting and turning in that mighty combat and the sad sight of falling stars.

We should never forget how much we owe to those brave young pilots (some of them we see in the photo you publish) waiting for their call to battle. We shall remember it as the Battle of Britain that *always* was. I do not hesitate to quote again the words of Churchill "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET M. SALMOND,
Hedenham Lodge,
Bungay,
Suffolk.
Battle of Britain Sunday.

Hampton Court limes

From Mr Geoffrey Jellicoe

Sir, The proposal to clear-fell the formal tree belt east of the palace raises a basic dilemma in English garden history. The grounds are un-doubtedly the finest classical example in England to be left vir-tually complete after the landscape revolution in the eighteenth century. They represent an important style of design, though not one that was really genial to the English liberal temperament, for their formality was inspired by the despotic Louis XIV. Although they have peculiar domestic charm, they cannot techni-cally compare with the skilled works of Le Nôtre. They nevertheless rep-resent a period in English art history that we cannot afford to ignore or to compromise.

It was part of French philosophy that trees were not regarded as individuals but as units planted with military precision. Louis XIV would not accept any but perfectly formed trees in an avenue. If Le Nôtre were asked to give his opinion on the present question he would un-doubtedly demand clear-felling. Just as on parade all soldiers must be healthy, upright and as even as possible, so (the French would say) must trees which form part of the rhythms of architecture, expressing collective human grandeur.

But Le Nôtre is not being asked, and the English love the individual tree and its personality, never car-ing for nature to be made a military spectacle. In the eighteenth cen-tury, whole avenues were destroyed, to be replaced by picturesque group-ings. Sometimes the illusion of an avenue was maintained by grouping rather than continuity, but this compromise could not apply where the trees are seen frontally, as in the present case. The tree belt at Hampton Court survived the general destruction and has now become a much loved but decrepit Dad's Army with replacements by youngsters.

The choice is between a continua-tion of the present patching in the interests of immediate sentiment and a return to historic purity (which should include the parterre, now a travesty of the original). In the latter case, society in general—with whom the decision must rest—would have to see the young trees as the originators saw them and, like them, think of the future.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY JELLICOE,
19 Grove Terrace, NW5.
September 18.

Taxi drivers' tips

From Mr Geoffrey L. Butler

Sir, I use a taxi at least five times a week and would thoroughly support the drivers' claim for an increase in fares, if we could do away with the pernicious system of tipping.

In making their claim the taxi drivers cite the increases in fares of rail, bus and Underground. Yes, but we do not have to pay a supplement-ary 10 per cent to 15 per cent in tips.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY L. BUTLER,
82 Neville Court,
Abbey Road, NW8.

Expelled from Iran

From Miss Liz Thurgood

Sir, The September 18 issue of *The Times* quotes "sources" in Teheran as saying that "the government viewed Miss Thurgood's reports as being heavily biased against the regime, in particular one on a demonstration by relatives of riot victims at a Tehran cemetery last Thursday".

I am curious to know what "sources" these are, because they attribute powers of unusual pre-science to the Iranian Government.

I was first given the Govern-ment's notice of expulsion on Friday, the day the cemetery demonstration story appeared in London in *The Guardian*. The man from the Foreign Residents Bureau in Tehran told me on that day that he had come the night before (Thursday) to notify me of my expulsion and was not able to find me at home.

Since I was at the time at the UPI offices filing the "biased" story in question, it is little won-der. A greater wonder is the implication in your story that the Iranian Government "knew" in advance I was going to write.

Yours sincerely,
LIZ THURGOOD,
Resident Correspondent for *The Guardian* in Tehran,
Tehran.
September 19.

Pope John Paul's arms

From Dom Gregory Murray

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Terry O'Neill (September 16), has, I sug-gest, got it wrong. Both keys in the Pope's arms are "the keys of the kingdom of heaven", as St Matthew indicates (16: 19). C. S. Lewis reminded us years ago that "the doors of hell are locked on the inside".

A. GREGORY MURRAY,
Dowside Abbey,
Stratton on the Fosse, Bath.

From Mr Frank Dash

Sir, Mr Terry O'Neill (Letter, Sep-tember 16) may justly claim, no doubt, to be heard with respect on the mysteries of heraldry; but where did he study his eschatology?

Allow me, as a son of the Manse, to direct Mr O'Neill's attention to Matthew XVI 19, where he may read:

"And I will give unto thee (ie, Peter) the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Yours faithfully,
FRANK DASH,
22 Muswell Hill Road,
Highgate, N6.

ool fire regulations

n the Headmaster of King's ol, Worcester:

I was surprised to read in the r from Mr M. R. E. Ashenden tember 14) that the official mittee which composed the fire ulations consisted almost entirely enior firemen. As one who has involved in considerable nditure in implementing these ulations, I had assumed that the mittee was composed entirely manufacturers of spring door-ers.

's faithfully,
I. ANNETT,
g's School,
'cester.
tember 13.

am chess

m Mr J. L. Brandler

Commenting on the twenty-nd game between Karpov and chnoi your Correspondent es:

Fortunately for the challenger, seconds and helpers had worked well and logically. As a result Korchnoi, who had spent a great deal of time on his sealed move yesterday, managed to play his next 16 moves so quickly that at the end he had used less time on the clock than his opponent."

With both players calling on the services of seconds and helpers to assist in analysing a position on the adjournment the contest appears to be one between teams almost as much as between individuals.

How far, one wonders, do such matches truly reflect the skill and merits of the champion and his challenger?

Yours, etc.,
J. L. BRANDLER,
6 McPherson Avenue,
Ikoyi,
PO Box 471,
Lagos,
Nigeria.
September 18.

Science at Cambridge

From Professor P. V. Danckwerts, FRS

Sir, In your Report on Cambridge (September 14) you say that the Engineering Department spans the "full spectrum of disciplines". By one of those happy anomalies which abound in Cambridge and which so distress our administrators, the Shell Department of Chemical Engi-neering has been an independent organization since its inception 30 years ago. The original and continu-ing reasons for this state of affairs are only partly rational, but the outcome has been advantageous and "rationalization" would be a retrograde step. Perhaps we are in a similar position to a village school.

The Department stands on the site of the old Chemistry Labora-tories, in the same courtyard as the old Cavendish Laboratory and the Computer Laboratory, symbolizing the foundations of the discipline on applied chemistry, physics and mathematics.

Yours,
PETER DANCKWERTS,
Emeritus Professor,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Chemical Engineering,
Pembroke Street,
Cambridge.
September 16.

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BALMORAL CASTLE
September 19: The Duke of *Edinburgh, attended by* Lord Rupert Nevill, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Lexington, Kentucky.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 19: The Duke of Gloucester visited Fort Dunlop, Birmingham, today.
His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.
The Duchess of Gloucester today opened the newly restored Carlisle Guildhall and later visited the Calvert Trust Adventure Centre for the Disabled near Keswick. In the evening Her Royal Highness was *present at a Fashion Show at* Greystoke Castle in aid of Dr Barnardo's and the Save the Children Fund.
Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Susanna Cryer.

Mass for Professor Stefania Nickrasz, president of the Association of Polish Musicians Abroad, will be celebrated on Sunday, September 24, the fifth anniversary of her death, at 10.30 am in Westminster Cathedral.

Birthdays today

Mr John Dankworth, 51; Lord Goronwy-Roberts, 65; Miss Gillian MacKay, 55; Group Captain Robert Menzies, 80; Mr Kenneth More, 64; Sir David Nicolson, 56; the Right Rev Kenneth Riches, 70; Sir Robert Scott, 73; the Hon Maxwell Stamp, 63; Mr F. T. Winter, 52.

Latest wills

Residue for RNLI

Mr William Henry Nicholson, of Hornsea, solicitor, left £28,164 net. After a personal legacy of £200 he left the residue to the Royal National Life-boat Institution.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):
Dymond, Dr Sydney Cyril, of Twickenham £134,218
Foulder, Commander Ronald Guy Edwin, of Corhampton £135,299
Mooney, Mr Michael, of Manor Park, London £164,696
Perrett, Mr Frederick Jesse, of Melksham, farmer .. £115,486
Russell, Mr Thomas Charles Robert, of Denton .. £145,356

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Dr Ralph Riley, director of the Plant Breeding Institute, Cambridge, to be secretary to the Agricultural Research Council in succession to Sir William Henderson.

Prospective candidate

Mr **Christopher Hopewell**, aged 25, a civil servant, to be prospective National Front candidate for Kensington. At the general election Sir Brandon Rhys Williams held the seat for the Conservatives with a majority of 1,917 in a three-cornered contest.

Forthcoming engagements

Mr J. Bell Campbell
and Miss H. P. Meeson Walker
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Campbell, of Scone, Perthshire, and Heather, daughter of the late Major Patrick Meeson Walker and Mrs Patricia Meeson Walker, of Stone House, Redhill, Surrey, and Carn Dris, Aberfeldy, Perthshire.

Mr R. M. Castle
and Miss A. M. S. Batty
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs E. H. Castle, of Penarth, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs O. P. S. Batty, of Woking.

Mr M. A. Everall
and Miss E. A. Perkins
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Dr John Everall, of 122 Harley Street, London, W1, and Mrs Pamela Everall, of Littleworth Cottage, Angmering, Sussex, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Perkins, of Pukehau RDI, Matakoe, New Zealand, formerly *of Stibbington House, near Peterborough.*

Mr C. D. McCrone
and Miss L. D. O'D. Alexander
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs D. W. McCrone, of Cairnside Farm, Stranraer, and Diana, daughter of Dr and Mrs C. P. *Alexander, of Leicester.*

Mr S. P. R. Mackarness
and Miss D. Reid
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P. Mackarness, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Diana, daughter of the late Dr L. M. Reid, of Port of Spain, Trinidad, and Mrs M. *M. Reid.*

Mr J. D. Martineau
and Miss J. M. French
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs C. H. Martineau, of The Park, Elie, Fife, and Jenny, daughter of Captain G. A. French, CBE, RN, and Mrs French, of The Old Rectory, Stoke Abbott, Dorset.

Mr G. Musker
and Miss A. S. Howitt
The engagement is announced between Graeme, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. F. Musker, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Malawi, and Alison Stephanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John P. Howitt, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and Isles of Scilly.

Mr N. S. Tanner
and Miss M. A. Challis
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Major and Mrs P. G. Tanner, of Church *Farm, Pulham St Mary, Norfolk,* and Melanie, daughter of the late Mr A. F. Challis and of Mrs J. C. Challis, of Windward House, First Avenue, Frinton-on-Sea, Essex.

Marriage

Dr M. R. Stanford
and Miss H. M. Scott
The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Martin's, Bowness-on-Windermere, between Dr Miles Stanford, younger son of Mr and Mrs K. J. Stanford, of Langton Matravers, Dorset, and Miss Hermione Scott, elder daughter of Sir Oliver and Lady Scott, of Kensington Square. The Rev Colin Elliott officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory silk with white broderie anglaise, a cream silk quilted gilet and a circlet of stephanotis on her head. She carried a bouquet of stephanotis and white freesias. Miss Camilla Nancy Scott (sister of the bride) and Miss Sophie Scarisbrick attended her. Dr Tony Scriven was best man.
A reception was held at Yews, Windermere, and the honeymoon will be spent in the West Indies.

Plan to set up a 'national grid' for touring opera

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

A plan to give Britain's opera companies their own geographical spheres of influence and to set up a "national grid" of touring opera in which the national companies will take part, including Covent Garden for the first time since 1964, was announced by the Arts Council yesterday.

The country will be divided into overlapping areas in each of which one company will concentrate its resources and build up a following. At regular intervals the areas will receive visits from other companies.

Mr Kenneth Robinson, chairman of the Arts Council, said it was obvious that some coordination of opera touring was essential; the new scheme would prevent duplication and cut travelling expenses, reducing the need for subsidy.

It enabled companies to establish local loyalties in particular areas. The exercise was timely in view of the establishment of English National Opera North, which begins a ten-week season in Leeds in mid-November and then tours for 14 weeks in the North.

Mr Robinson said four important theatres in Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Bristol, had been saved by action of an unprecedented kind and there was a good hope that they would be upgraded *in the next year or two* to take large-scale opera with some degree of comfort.

The local authorities were looking to the Arts Council for capital towards the cost of improvements. "We have not got the money at the moment, but we are desperately trying to extract it from the Government. We shall not know for some weeks that cash is going to be available", Mr Robinson said.

The Royal Opera and English National Opera will have seasons incorporated into regular activity by five "sphere of influence" companies: Welsh National Opera, Scottish Opera, Glyndebourne Touring Opera, Kent Opera and English National Opera North.

In two or three years there should be enlarged and improved "national" touring theatres in Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol and Sunderland to meet most of the needs of the Coliseum's productions and of a limited number of *the Royal Opera's.*

As part of the plan, ENO plans an extended Manchester season in 1980 and from 1981 it is hoped that the Royal Opera will tour for a minimum of three weeks each season.

Two weeks are already reserved for Liverpool and one for Bristol in May, 1981.

Lord *Carr of Hadley*, chairman of the opera coordinating committee, said the cause of the scheme was a success story. "If anyone had suggested 15, 20, or even 10 years ago that the demand for opera throughout the country and the supply of first-class opera companies able to meet that demand would be on the scale it is today he would have been thought an unrealistic idealist with his head in the clouds".

Success depended on developing adequate theatres in enough towns and cities, a position that was improving, and on the good will and cooperation of the companies.

Mr Paul Findlay, of Covent Garden, said they had reluctantly ended touring when they realized that conditions outside London were unacceptable.

"Very dramatic moves have been made to improve facilities", he said. "They have given us enough hope to believe the time has come for the Royal Opera to *tour* again.

"I do not think we could ever adopt the old kind of touring pattern: if we are going out on tour, we must go out with the production being done in the way it is done at Covent Garden. We must settle down in one or two key places, giving extended seasons, and I hope this will build up over the years, complementing what is being done by the new companies."

Mr Findlay said that no international artists would go out in less than satisfactory conditions; but he believed that by 1981 enough of them would be prepared to tour with the Royal Opera.

Lord Harewood, managing director of English National Opera, said the company did not want to tour with small-scale productions or cut-down versions. It would rather take operas like *The Ring*; but the cost made it "rather a daunting business".

The total projected box office receipts for four weeks' touring in 1979, including two *Ring* cycles, exactly equalled the cost of travelling and subsistence, without paying anyone.

College to have its own press

By Philip Howard

Universities that act as their own publishing houses for the glory of learning rather than profit are an ancient British institution. The Oxford University Press is busy celebrating the fifth centenary of printing at Oxford. As a sign that the tradition is alive, the birth of Britain's newest university press was announced yesterday. University College, Cardiff, is establishing its own press as reinforcement to, but not rival of, the University of Wales Press.

It is not every day that a new academic press is born; though the need for them is greater than ever. Commercial publishers are less willing and able to undertake *unprofitable scholarly publication*, while the demand for it increases steadily among scholarly writers and readers. Yesterday the University College Cardiff Press came to London to present its first catalogue. It consists of nine titles and three learned periodicals of appropriately diverse erudition. The star turn is probably a book about the cosmogony of the solar system by Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, FRS, who is an honorary research professor at Cardiff. Rights in it have already been sold in America and Italy.

The other titles cover the charming highways and byways of learning from numerical analysis to "a *comprehensive survey of* British post-World War experience in non-formal education for rural and agricultural development in the former British colonial dependencies". There is a book of documents in communist affairs commended in the catalogue with the persuasive puff: "This is not a book to take to bed with you." The same puff is not applicable to *Choice not Chance*, a practical summary of contraceptive methods primarily intended for medical and nursing students, but of a lucidity and comprehensiveness that make it suitable for anyone who feels the need for such knowledge.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord *Chancellor and President of University* College Cardiff, launched the new press. He said: "Experience has shown that there is room in Wales for another press that does not have profit-making as its main motive. What the UCCP is doing is highly functional, but on a worldwide scale." Dr Cecil Bevan, principal of the college, Professor Aldred Moritz, vice-principal, and all the other scholars and scholarly publishers came to London to launch their imprint on the sea of learning and wish it a long and in the best sense profitable voyage.



An expansive gesture from Vladimir *Horowitz*, the pianist, as he starts a rehearsal *in New York* with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Zubin Mehta for "Horowitz Live", a television programme to be transmitted by satellite to Europe.

Quality of chrysanthemums excels

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The members of the National Chrysanthemum Society had a hard time this year overcoming the bad weather to find enough blooms to exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society's New Hall, Westminster. Although entries are a third down on last year, the quality and deep colour of the blooms make them some of the most excellent ever displayed.

The NCS is the second largest specialist flower society in the world and its judging standards are high. The judges had a hard task at this show to choose the winning entries.

The trade exhibits always attract attention and this year Rileys' Chrysanthemums, of Woolley Moor, Derby, won a large gold medal for an excellent display, composed mainly of large and medium-flowering types, but also including some colourful sprays. *Its 1979 varieties are attracting* attention, particularly 'Dolphin', white; 'Salmon Solitaire', bronze-pink; 'Astral', yellow; 'Salmon Chessington', pale salmon; 'Oyster', delicate pink; 'Bronze Miss World', bronze; 'Yellow Jack Wood', yellow; and 'Tartan', red bronze.

H. Woolman (Dorridge) Ltd, of Solihull, was awarded a gold medal for its stand, mainly comprising large-flowered varieties. Particularly fine are 'Silver Jubilee', white; the new 'Frank Taylor', yellow; and 'Graphic', lilac pink. There are also some interesting seedlings for the future.

Alan Wren, of Beechview Nursery, Waltham Abbey, also won a gold medal for particularly well arranged and displayed collections of large garden types and sprays, all in excellent condition. He also had on show a number of new introductions for 1980 and several, as yet unnamed, seedlings.

Although the joint chrysanthemum committee of the Royal Horticultural Society and the National Chrysanthemum Society had a large number of plants submitted for adjudication, none was awarded a first-class certificate or award of merit, though many received preliminary commendations.

In the classes for the Affiliated *Societies' Championship of Great* Britain, Surrey Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society won the Riley Trophy for the third year running, the first time any society has achieved this distinction. It exhibited excellent blooms of the early-flowering large and medium-flowered varieties—'County Herald', 'Peter Rowe', 'Poldark', 'Jill Collings', 'Primrose Chessington', and 'Sam Oldham'.

The *Amateur Gardening* Challenge Shield for an exhibitor gaining the highest total cash prize in four classes for affiliated societies was won by Northwich District Chrysanthemum Society. *Its main entry comprised* 'Bruera', 'Miss World', 'Mac's Delight', 'Primrose Chessington', 'John Riley', 'Salmon Tracy Walker', 'Lona May' and 'Shirley Victoria'.

Other special awards were the Bentley Trophy for the competitive exhibit of most merit and a solid silver medal for the best vase of medium-flowered blooms, both of which were won by C. Freeman, Woodstock, with 'Joyce Stevenson', a glowing russet red; his other two winning varieties were 'Salmon Tracy Walker' and 'Sam Oldham'.

The Flo Cooper Trophy for the best competitive vase of blooms, a solid silver medal for the best vase of large-flowered blooms, and a special prize of £50 and a glass decanter from Graphic Display Products, also for the best competitive vase, were all won by South Stapenhill Allotments Association, Burton-on-Trent, with a faultless vase of 'White Chessington'.

The Chrysanthemum Raisers' Association Perpetual Trophy for varieties not yet on sale to the public was won by H. Walker, Chester. Leading prizewinners were:

Early-flowering classes: Bertram F. Jones Perpetual Challenge Trophy for nine vases: R. Chester, Mansfield. *Johnson Perpetual Challenge Trophy* for six vases: J. Robinson, Long Hanborough. "Garden News" Trophy for three vases: R. B. Braithwaite, Bramcote.

Medium early-flowering classes: Clay Perpetual Challenge Cup for nine vases: L. Walning, Bradwell. Crick Perpetual Challenge Cup for six vases: J. Chiswell, Midsomer Norton. "Medium" Challenge Cup for three vases: G. A. Long, Paulton.

Large and medium-flowered early section: Bertram T. Jones Piece of Plate, for three vases: R. G. Alder, Wantage, who also won Jack Oldham Memorial Trophy for five vases. Rushton Perpetual Trophy for two vases: K. Edge, Crewe.

Elm House Nurseries Trophy: J. Hildreth, Prestwood. Risca Mineworkers' Lodge Miner's Lamp: J. Pearce, Peterloo. E. T. Thistlethwaite Perpetual Trophy: C. Freeman, Woodstock.

The show is open again today *from 10 am to 5 pm.*

Watercolours of Venice fetch £800

Christie's opened its new season yesterday with two sales. English drawings and watercolours realized before lunch a total of £28,936, with 2 per cent unsold; Russian and Greek icons later in the day made £89,425, with 12 per cent unsold.

Two watercolours by Thomas Bush Hardy, a marine painter born in Sheffield in 1842, were the highest priced lot in the morning at £800. The pair were depictions of Venice, with which Bush Hardy is closely identified.

McInnes, the London dealer, paid £700 for "Raising the wind", by Edgar Bundy, and £600 for two views of France by Thomas Colman Dibdin. An anonymous buyer paid £650 for another Bundy, "After the duel".

As is usually the case with icons, German dealers were out in force. Kadri, from Munich, paid £2,900 for a composite Russian eighteenth-century icon of Christ enthroned, flanked by saints and six representations of the Virgin. Fromson paid £2,100 for a central Russian seventeenth-century icon of the Transfiguration.

Castle auction: Bonham's auction yesterday at Murthly Castle, Dunkeld, realized £101,861. The highest price was £7,000 for a copy of Selby's *Illustrations of British Ornithology*. A fine pair of 12-bore sidelock ejector sporting guns by John Dickson and Son, *Edinburgh*, fetched £4,800.

OBITUARY

MR J. K. WATSON
Notable Australian journalist

Mr James Kingston ("King") Watson, London editor of Australian Consolidated Press, died in New York on September 14 at the age of 70. He was on his way to a conference in Canada of the Commonwealth Press Union. One of Australia's most distinguished journalists, King Watson was a war correspondent attached to Allied Supreme Headquarters in Europe during the Second World War.

He edited the Sydney *Daily Telegraph* from 1953 to 1970 and in 1972, when the late Sir Frank Packer sold the goodwill of his Sydney newspapers to Rupert Murdoch, he continued to edit the *Sunday Telegraph*. He took up his appointment as editor of the London Bureau of ACP in 1974.

MR JOHN CRAMMOND

Mr John Crammond, who died on September 18 after a short illness at the age of 72, was an Olympic medallist, a keen flyer, an amateur yachtsman, a stockbroker and a journalist. When the Second World War broke out he joined the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot.

In 1948 he was the only British *man* to win a medal at the winter Olympics. (Jeannette Altwegg was the only other British medal winner though in 1952 she won the gold medal for figure skating.) He won the bronze on the Cresta Run in the skeleton event. He was then in his forty-second year. He also held the record from Stream Corner on the Cresta for 25 years.

He had been a winter *sports correspondent for The Observer*. After retiring from the City he spent the last [illegible] years of his life sailing a small boat in the Western Isles, off Spain, France and Greece.

MR STEPHEN HOWARD

Mr David Emms writes:

Mr Stephen Howard, who was killed recently climbing in the Cévennes, was a school master of outstanding calibre and unusual gifts and he is mourned by a great company of men whose lives were profoundly influenced by their contact with him.

Stephen Francis Allen Howard, younger son of the late Reverend Dr W. F. Howard, Principal of Handsworth College and President of the Conference of the Methodist Church, was educated at Winchester, gained First Class Classical Honours at Cambridge, and then spent, after two years in the RAF, his whole working life at Dulwich College.

Howard's deep faith and remarkable personal modesty went hand-in-hand with the highest standards in his teaching, his devoted work with Venture Scouts, adventurous expeditions all over Europe, and outside school life, service to his church and with the Samaritans, *and his chairmanship of the* South Africa Society—a country he knew and loved and for which he suffered deeply.

His deep concern for the individual, his patience and sympathy with all men and his utter dependability, not least in his *position as Deputy Master of* Dulwich, are qualities which will be long remembered with gratitude.

Sir Richard Laurence Stuart Taylor who died at Midhurst, Sussex, on September 10 was the third baronet. He was 52 and succeeded his father only last year. He was educated at Winchester, and—after service in the war with the Royal Armoured Corps and Royal Gloucestershire Hussars—at King's College, Cambridge.

He married in 1950 Iris, daughter of the Rev E. F. Gargery. They had one son, who now succeeds his father, and one daughter.

Dr Slywester Kaliski, Poland's Minister for Science, Higher Education and Technology, died in Warsaw on September 16 after a long illness due to injuries in a road accident. Born in 1925, he became a doctor of technical science, university professor and, in 1970, a full member of the Polish Academy of Sciences. From 1972 he had military rank also, and became Minister in 1974.

Mr Blaise Mugford, deputy director of the Society of British Aerospace Companies and organizer of the last four Farnborough Air Shows, died on September 15. He was 55.

Air Commodore Ian W. H. R. Cran, CBE, MRCS, LRCP, who died on September 11, aged 64, served in the RAF medical service from 1941, and began in India and Burma. Before this he was house surgeon at the Charing Cross hospital 1940-41.

He was consultant adviser to the RAF on chest diseases, and was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen in 1970.

Cardinal Valerian Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, died on September 11. He was 78.

Memorial service

Mr J. Davis

A memorial service for Mr Joe Davis was held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday, Canon John Baker officiated. Mr Percy Hoskins (founder of the Saints and Sinners Club) read the lesson, and Mr *Phil* Bull gave an address. Among others present were:

Mrs Davis (widow), Mr and Mrs Derrick Davis (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Frank Hanson (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Fred Davis (brother), Mr Jack Triggs (brother-in-law), Miss Alison Davis, Mr William Triggs.

Sir Leslie Ford, Sir Stanley Rous, Sir Fred Pontin, Sir Edwin McAlpine, Sir Cecil and Lady Mant (Friends of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington), Sir Donald Gosling, Mr Frank Owen, Mr Frank Coven, Mr Joe Coral, Mr Bernard Coral, Mr Ben Russell, Mr Ted Lowe, Mr Sydney Lee, Mr Reg Perrin, Mr B. Darney, Mr John Bayman, Mr Willy Thorne, Mr Bill Werbeniuk, Mr Dickie Henderson, Mr and Mrs J. Karnehm, Mr Clive Everton, Mr Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie, Mr Teg Hughes, Mr Graham Dowson, Mr David Coleman (BBC), Mrs Percy Hoskins, Mr C. C. Sillito, Mrs Maxine Morris.

Dr C. H. Edwards (Dean of St Mary's Hospital Medical School), *Mr and Mrs P. D. Smithson, Mr Henry* Cotton, Mr Gus Payne, Mr John Pulman, Mr Chesney Allen, Mr and Mrs Jack Davies, Mr and Mrs John Spencer, Mr Rex Williams, Mr Keith Robinson, Mr Bertie Hare, Mr and Mrs John Vergo, Mr and Mrs M. Walterson, Mr Guy Blackburn, Mr L. Freedman, Mr P. Moloney (chairman, Saints and Sinners Club) with Mr Denis Compton, Mr Neil Benson, Mr Cecil Redforn, Mr Richard Roberts and Mr Reg Griffin, Mr and Mrs G. W. Dean, Mr and Mrs Dennis Bowen, Mrs J. Gallop, Mrs J. Cornwell, *Mrs S. Baker, Mr Ronald* Wigdor, Mrs M. Dick, Mrs L. Diggin, Dr and Mrs J. Hardwick Smith, Miss Mary Peal, Miss Daphne Freegard, Mrs D. A. Darlington.

Mr J. K. Bennett (chairman, Billiard Trades Association), Mr W. H. Cottier (chairman, Billiards and Snooker Control Council), Mr Mike Green (secretary, World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association), Mr F. C. Wallach (Referees' Billiards Association and Control Council), Mr T. Bassett-Powell (advertising director, "The Daily Telegraph"), Mr C. G. Gage (Peradon and Fletcher, Andover), *Mr Charles F. Dunsdon (golf section,* Eccentric Club), Mr T. R. Quarrington-Adams (chairman, Eccentric Club), Mr Eric Denman and Mr Henry Bate (representing Petersham Institute, Richmond Snooker League), Mr William Bruce (Junior Carlton Club), Mr G. Whittell (managing director, Strachan and Company), Mrs B. E. Bevan (representing the chairman, Grayshott Hall), Mr Sid Dorrington, Mr W. L. Reece, Mrs Kenneth Owen, Mr John Stafford Moule, Mr and Mrs Sonny Enfield, Mr C. Farnsworth, Mr H. J. *Joel and the Chairman of the Guild of* the Nineteen Lubricators.

Luncheons

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Callaghan were hosts at a luncheon *held at 10 Downing Street* yesterday, in honour of Alhaji Sir Dawda Jawara, President of The Gambia. The other guests were:
The High Commissioner for The Gambia and Mrs Semega-Janneh, M Aly Cissé, Mrs Judith Hart, MP, Mr Philip Whitehead, MP, and Mrs Whitehead, Miss Joan Lestor, MP, Mr Fred Silvester, MP, and Mrs Silvester, Lord Collins, Sir John and Lady Cuckney, Mr Reg Underhill, Mr Adam Thomson, Dr J. L. Cowans, Mr Michael Jones, Mr and Mrs Andrew Walker, Mr and Mrs M. H. Rogers, Mr Tom McNally, Mr Bryan Cartledge, Mrs Ruth Sharpe and Miss Jean Denham.

Tate Gallery

Sir Norman Reid, Director of the Tate Gallery, and Lady Reid were hosts at a luncheon held at the gallery yesterday in honour of Mrs Margaret Gardiner, before the private view of the Pier Gallery Collection, which is being given by Mrs Gardiner to the Pier Arts Centre Trust in Stromness, Orkney. Among those present were:
The Earl and Countess of Gowrie, Baroness Birk, Professor Sir Leslie and Lady Martin, Mr Alexander Dunbar, Mr and Mrs Terry Frost, Mr Francis Graham-Harrison, Mr and Mrs Patrick Heron, Mr and Mrs William Scott, Mr Jim Austin, Mr Martin Bernal, Mr and Mrs Alan Bowness, Mr and Mrs Francis Davison, Mr Paul Huxley, Mrs Marjorie Linklater and Miss Katharine Reid.

Sir Charles Taylor

Sir Charles Taylor and Lord Grantchester, QC, entertained the American Ambassador at luncheon at 1 *Little Smith Street*, Westminster, yesterday. The other guests were Canon John Baker, Sir John Barnes, Mr Francis Pym, MP, and Mr William Rees-Mogg.

Reception

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Michael Palliser, Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a reception held at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office last night in honour of the heads of commercial departments of her Majesty's missions in Western Europe.

Dinner

Royal Television Society

Mr Anthony Hearn, general secretary of the Association of Broadcasting Staff, was the speaker at a dinner held for fellows and council of the Royal Television Society at the Arts Club last night. Mr Phil Sidey chairman, presided.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Sept 19, 1953

From Our Own Correspondent
Vienna, Sept 18

The Czechoslovak Government has published further details of the way in which it proposes to implement its newly announced programme of raising living standards. As elsewhere, the details throw a revealing light on present shortcomings which hitherto the government has preferred to gloss over as of a local or transitory nature. Several paragraphs deal with increasing and improving the supply of foodstuffs and of consumer goods especially in the villages so that "people need not go shopping into the towns any longer". All kinds of goods now officially admitted to be in short supply have to be produced this year. This list included such everyday necessities as razor blades, writing paper, cotton wool, pins and safety pins, nails, screws, crockery and shovels. The quality of bread, sweets, meat products, soap and cosmetics has to be raised and arrangements made so that bread may be obtained even *in the smallest quantity in* the smallest village.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester, as president, Royal Association of Dairy Farmers, attends dairy farming event, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, 10.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus; visits its headquarters, Tavistock House, Bloomsbury, 3.30.

Exhibitions: John Fowler, a tribute, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-5.50. International book design and production, National Book League, 7 Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, 10-5.30. Pier Gallery Collection, Tate Gallery, 10-6.

Lectures: "Edwardian style—'heroic'", Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15. Romanticism versus classicism, Constable, *Tate Gallery*, 1.

Recitals: Royal Marines Orchestra, St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, 1. English song recital, St Olave's, Hart Street, Eastcheap, 1.05. Richard Townend, organ, St Margaret's, Lothbury, 1.10. Joseph Sentance, organ, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1.15.

Walks: East End murders of 1880s, meet Tower Hill station, 11. Dickens's London, meet Embankment station, 7.30.

Not even the pineapple explodes at Pelindaba

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

All those sombre stories about South African nuclear scientists planning to detonate some horrendous device in the middle of the Kalahari desert are manifestly false. The truth has now come out.

It is fission chips that South Africa is interested in. Or to put it more accurately—the irradiated spud.

It seems that while the world at large, and especially nations which can afford to keep South Africa under satellite surveillance, has become increasingly convinced *that South Africa is working to*wards the stage where it can contaminate the atmosphere with its own nuclear device, all that really has been going on has been research *into* a programme to increase the shelf life of perishable fruit and vegetables.

Not far from Pretoria, squatting in the folds of the *Magaliesburg hills, is a lunaresque struc*ture, something of a cross between Calder Hall and Wormwood Scrubs. Called Pelindaba, it is the headquarters of the South African Atomic Energy Board.

It is here that research into South Africa's nuclear enrichment process going on—a process which will give South Africa nuclear weapon capability, although the Government has said often that its research is geared entirely towards harnessing nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

And so it seemed this week when the doors of Pelindaba were opened—a very rare occurrence—so that reporters could taste the fruits of the research.

Fruits there were; strawberries, pawpaws (a semi-tropical fruit the *size of a coconut and with* a taste similar to a mango) and potatoes.

They had all been injected with cobalt 60 gamma rays which, the Pelindaba boffins claimed, would extend their shelf life by months.

The reporters who tasted them, and none has died yet, said they were just like the real thing.

Mr Schalk van der Merwe, South African Minister of Health, explained it was part of an experiment in which South Africa was involved with 24 other countries under the auspices of the World *Health Organization* (WHO) to find ways of preserving perishable foods and to combat an antici*pated world food shortage.*

He said: "The irradiation process in no way causes the food to become radioactive."

It is claimed that after the gamma ray treatment potatoes can have a shelf life of up to a year without sprouting or turning glassy. Five tons of potatoes, half a ton of pawpaws and about 1,000 punnets of strawberries are to go on sale at selected shops in Johannesburg and Pretoria shortly.

Service of the Royal Victorian Order

The Queen has commanded that a *service of the Royal Victorian Order is to be held in* St George's Chapel, Windsor, at 11.30 am, on Thursday, December 7. Members of the order and holders of the Royal Victorian Medal who wish to attend should apply for tickets as soon as possible to the Registrar of the Royal Victorian Order, Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BG. Tickets will be issued only to members of the order and medal holders.

Because of the expected numbers and the very limited seating capacity of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, the chapel of the order, the decision has been taken to hold the service in St George's Chapel.

Applications for tickets must reach the registrar by November 1. Tickets will be issued by November 22.

Butchers' Company

The Butchers' Company has elected the following officers:
Mr J. G. Garfoli, Master; Mr T. W. Bonser, Deputy Master; Mr R. C. Cornell, Renter Assistant; Mr D. P. Cornell, Mr R. H. A. Connell, Mr R. J. Lickorish, Mr B. R. M. Wilcox and Mr G. M. Stitcher, Wardens.

Draw is likely in evenly contested game in Baguio

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Baguio, Sept 19

After an interval of two days the players returned looking relaxed and rested to the world chess championship match to play a hard and evenly contested game in which neither side committed *a noticeable mistake.*

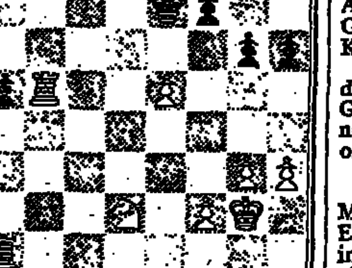
Anatoly Karpov played his inevitable Ruy Lopez as white and Viktor Korchnoi replied with his equally inevitable open defence.

This was the sixth time this opening was used in the match. Six games out of 24 with the same variation of the same opening reminds one very much of the way Alekhine and Capablanca concentrated on the Queen's Gambit in their match in 1927 which, incidentally, was played on the same conditions as this match.

Korchnoi found himself saddled with an isolated pawn as always in this line and for some time Karpov seemed to be holding the initiative by maintaining *pressure* on the pawn.

Then, about move 30 onwards, when the challenger was in some time trouble having to make 10 moves *in 12 minutes*, there was a rapid exchange of pieces. When the time control was reached *Korchnoi had rather the better* ending. Nevertheless, when the game was adjourned with Karpov sealing his forty-second move, the ending looked drawn.

Korchnoi (Black)



Karpov (White)

Position at adjournment after 41 moves

Twenty-fourth game: White Karpov, black Korchnoi. Ruy Lopez opening.

1 P-K4	P-K4	20 RxB	Kt-K3
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	21 R-Q2	KR-Q1
3 B-Kt5	P-QR3	22 Q-Kt3	R-B5
4 B-R4	Kt-B3	23 R(K1)-Q1	Q-Kt2
5 O-O	KtxP	24 P-R3	P-Kt3
6 P-Q4	P-QKt4	25 Q-R2	P-QR4
7 B-Kt3	P-Q4	26 P-QKt3	R-B6
8 PxP	B-K3	27 P-QR4	PxP
9 P-B3	B-K2	28 PxP	R-B5
10 B-B2	Kt-B4	29 R-Q3	K-Kt2
11 P-KR3	O-O	30 Q-Q2	RxP
12 R-K1	Q-Q2	31 B-R6 ch	K-Kt1
13 Kt-Q4	KtxKt	32 RxP	RxR
14 PxKt	Kt-Kt2	33 QxR	QxQ
15 Kt-Q2	P-QB4	34 RxQ	B-B1
16 PxP	KtxP	35 BxB	KxB
17 Kt-B3	B-B4	36 P-Kt3	K-K2
18 B-K3	QR-B1	37 R-Kt5	Kt-B2
19 R-QB1	BxB	38 R-B5	Kt-K3
		39 R-Kt5	Kt-Q1
		40 K-Kt2	P-R3
		41 Kt-Q2	R-R8
		42 adjourned.	

Science report

Physics: Petrified cotton material

By the Staff of *Nature*

Ordinary cotton fibre can be transformed into a glassy material by a novel process discovered by Dr T. L. Ward and Dr R. R. Benerito, of the United States Department of Agriculture in New Orleans. The process could be used to convert other organic materials into a more permanent form and may have industrial applications in decorating or bonding glass, as well as preserving organic material.

A similar process occurs in nature: petrification of wood is a good example. That occurs when wood is infiltrated by materials containing silicon that convert it into a stony substance preserving the original structure. No industrial equivalent of such a process has been developed even though it is notoriously difficult to preserve materials made from cellulose, such as wood, paper and cotton.

That situation could now change with the discovery made by Dr Ward and Dr Benerito. They soaked cotton fabric in a solution of sodium plumbite, placed it on some glass and heated to a temperature of 600°C. When a considerable amount of lead was present glassy films were formed that are hard and brittle and are not affected by acids or alkalis. With only small amounts of lead, translucent films are formed that adhere firmly to the glass. The structure of the fabric is preserved by silicon atoms migrating from the glass and impregnating the carbon skeleton of the cotton.

Scientists are particularly interested in the unusual mechanism of formation of the new material. When the cellulose in the cotton is charred a layered structure results, similar in many ways to graphite, and it appears that the lead atoms can slide themselves into this structure and increase the spacing between layers. That allows the silicon atoms to diffuse in and convert the fabric into a permanent glassy material. The amount of silicon attracted depends on the quantity of lead present and the films will either separate from or adhere to the glass, depending on the amount of lead taken up in the initial soaking of the fabric.

The process provides a way of producing labels or decorations permanently attached to glass and can be used to provide a strong bond to join pieces of glass, a procedure that is otherwise extremely difficult. Document preservation and decorative building materials are other obvious applications but, as with any new material, the full range of applications cannot immediately be foreseen.

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Church news

Appointments

The Rev C. A. Buckler, Chaplain of Claybury Hospital, Woodford Green, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Chaplain of the County, Bromhead, Lawn and St George's hospitals, Lincoln.

The Rev C. M. Oldroyd, Vicar of Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers and priest-in-charge of Doddington, Neen Sollars with Milson and Rural Dean of Ludlow, diocese of Hereford, to be Rector of Ledbury and priest-in-charge of Eastnor, same diocese.

The Rev T. V. E. Overton, formerly with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Thailand, to be Rector of Knossington with Cold Overton, Owston and Withcote, diocese of Leicester.

The Rev E. A. Pratt, Vicar of Mackworth, diocese of Derby, to be Vicar of St Simon's, Southsea, diocese of Portsmouth.

The Rev S. C. Rawling, curate of Westlands, Newcastle, diocese of Lichfield, to be Rector of St Laurence's, Darlaston, *same diocese.*

The Rev T. Hudson, Vicar of Stannington, diocese of Sheffield, to be Vicar of St John's, Abbeydale, same diocese.

The Rev J. E. Cotter, curate of All Saints', Leavesden, diocese of St Albans, to be also assistant principal of the ministerial training scheme in the diocese.

Diocese of Birmingham

The Rev V. Allen, formerly Vicar of St Mary's, Temple Balsall, and Master of Lady Katherine Leveson Hospital, Temple Balsall, to be priest-in-charge of St Michael and All Angels and St Stephen's, Smethwick.

The *Rev K. Punshon, a chaplain at* Eton College, *to be Vicar of St James* Hill, Sutton Coldfield.

The following to be examining chaplains to the Bishop of Birmingham: The Rev A. J. Balmforth, Rector of Kings Norton, the Rev C. R. Bevington, Vicar of St Stephen's Selly Hill, the Rev D. J. W. Bradley, Vicar of St George's, Edgbaston, the Rev R. P. Heaps, Vicar of St Clement's, Nechells, the Rev R. W. N. Hoare, canon-residentiary of Birmingham Cathedral, the Rev H. B. *Marlow, Vicar of The* Ascension, Stirchley, and honorary canon of Birmingham Cathedral, the Rev J. F. Morrison-Wells, Vicar of St John's, Perry Barr, the Rev J. C. Weller, Vicar of St Anne's, West Heath.

Diocese of Bradford

The Rev N. L. Jackson, curate of Holy Trinity, Worthing, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar of St Stephen's, Bowling.

The Rev J. R. John, Vicar of St James's with St Chrysostom's, Bradford, to be Vicar of St Oswald's, Guiseley.

Diocese of Exeter

The Rev J. W. G. Godeck, priest-in-charge of Dunchideock, Shillingford St George and Ide, to be vicar of the three benefices.

The Rev W. R. Hudson, Vicar of Scarisbrick, diocese of Liverpool, to be priest-in-charge of Witheridge, Thelbridge, Creacombe, Meshaw, and East and West Worlington.

The Rev A. de Berry, formerly curate of St Francis's, *Los Angeles*, to be Team Vicar in the Clyst Valley Team Ministry.

Diocese of Norwich

The Rev R. B. Hems, Vicar of Tuckswood, to be Rector of Poringland with Howe and Framingham Earl.

Canon D. P. Maurice, Vicar of North *Walsham with Antingham*, to be Rector of Cley-next-the-Sea with Wiveton and priest-in-charge of Blakeney and Letheringsett with Bayfield and Glandford, to serve in the Glaven Stiffkey Association of Parishes.

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THE TIMES BUSINESS NEWS

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JS accused of trade war' hreat to Geneva egotiations

m Michael Hornsby
ssels, Sept 19

serious new obstacle to successful outcome of the tilateral Trade Negotiations NS) in Geneva emerged today at a meeting of EEC ign affairs and trade minis-

he talks, which will deter- e the rules of world trade most of the next decade, are to be completed by ember 15.

he obstacle has arisen use of the threat that from t January 4 countervailing es could be imposed auto- ically on all subsidized orts to the United States, spective of any commit- its accepted by the Ameri- in Geneva under the aegis the General Agreement on iffs and Trade (Gatt).

Ir Edmund Dell, Secretary State for Trade, and his colleagues today approved dispatch or a strongly- ded letter from the Euro- n Commission to Washing- saying that the Community ld not be expected to nego- a conclusion to the MTNS the prospect of a "trade " hanging over it.

he EEC's letter is a reply a communication received the Commission last month n Mr Robert Strauss, Presi- t Carter's special trade oriator. This gave a warning the Administration held little hope of its being able persuade Congress to pass a removing the threat of ntervailing duties.

peaking to reporters after meeting, Mr Dell said he his EEC colleagues were ull agreement that it was o the Americans to remove is totally unnecessary impe- ent to progress" in the NS.

ne threat of countervailing es, Mr Dell said, would not make it difficult for the to sign an agreement in eva at the end of the year was "a weight hanging the whole negotiations be- n now and December 15".

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Mr Robert Strauss: little hope of removing threat.

proof that "material injury" is being caused to the domestic industry.

Under a special clause, President Carter has hitherto been able to waive the application of this provision of the Trade Act, but his waiver powers expire on January 4 of next year. The chances of Congress's agreeing to renew them are negligible, at any rate without extensive protectionist amendment.

It is possible that it could take the Congress anything up to a year to enact the outcome of the Gatt negotiations in Geneva. So, if the President's waiver is not extended, there would be a prolonged period during which the Americans would not be legally bound to observe restrictions on the imposition of countervailing duties agreed in Geneva.

About $500m worth of EEC exports to the United States are estimated to be threatened by pending applications for the imposition of countervailing duties, which would have to be granted automatically once the President's waiver expired.

The immediate effect on Britain would not be great, as the exports concerned are mainly agricultural. But countervailing duties could be applied to any subsidized export, and could for example hit British exports of steel.

Insac in joint American deal

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

Insac Data Systems, the National Enterprise Board's subsidiary which was set up to export British software expertise, is about to conclude its first joint-venture agreement with an American company.

The deal is with Calcomp, a leading manufacturer of computer peripheral units including in particular a range of graphics products. Through Insac Group Inc of New York, substantive agreement has been reached for joint development of software for the United States company's new IGS-500 interactive graphics system.

Insac and Calcomp will develop software packages for this system, and will share the future revenues. Initially, the British part of the work will be done under contract by Systems Programming Ltd (SPL), an Insac member-company.

According to Calcomp, this is believed to be a unique relationship involving a British software house and a major United States company.

Mr George Canova, Calcomp president, said the agreement would enable the company to provide turnkey applications software packages for the interactive graphics system while sharing the initial cost with Insac.

"The ability to provide extensive applications software is important to our plans to penetrate the interactive graphics market", he said.

For Insac, the deal gives it the opportunity to earn substantial revenues from the licensing of the computer programs, as well as enabling its member-companies to continue to participate in advanced graphics technology.

A Calcomp IGS-500 system will be installed in SPL's recently opened research centre at Abingdon, Oxfordshire, for use in design and development. The first two software products will be systems for isometric engineering drawing, and for utility mapping.

Leyland shop stewards accept they are on 'a hiding to nothing'

End in sight to Bathgate strike

By R. W. Shakespeare

The long and crippling strike by 1,500 engineering machinists at Leyland's Bathgate truck and tractor plant, which has become a major factor in the company's decision to drastically cut long-term investment there, is likely to be called off by the weekend.

Shop stewards who had been leading the strike, now in its seventh week, will recommend to a mass meeting of the machinists on Friday that they call off the stoppage, which has cost Leyland more than £35m in lost output.

The stewards' decision was taken after they had met Mr Jimmy Swan, a full time official of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. Up to now, the strike leaders had repeatedly ignored union instructions to abandon the strike, which was in support of demands for pay rises for people operating new machine tools.

Mr Swan said yesterday: "The vote to recommend a return to work was a very narrow one—20 votes to 16."

The tough line taken by Mr Michael Edwardes, the BL chairman, who said last week he would rather see the Scottish plant closed indefinitely than negotiate with unofficial strikers, has clearly brought a majority of the stewards round to the view that union officials have repeatedly expressed—that the strikers were "on a good hiding to nothing".

Throughout the stoppage the company has maintained—and by implication the AUEW leadership has accepted—that the machinists' demands have already been covered by new deals on productivity payments and a revised wage grade structure for the whole plant.

After instructions for a return to work had been ignored, the AUEW Scottish district committee decided to strip the Bathgate stewards of their credentials.

Even if the strike ends this weekend, doubts about the future role of the Bathgate plant must remain. When senior management from Leyland Vehicles (formerly the bus and truck division of British Leyland) met national leaders of the car union and representative shop stewards earlier this week, they told them bluntly that a £32m cut in the investment programme for Bathgate was now "irreversible".

Mr Jack Smart, deputy managing director of Leyland Vehicles, also made it clear that this could mean not only that no fresh jobs would be created there, but that the existing labour force might have to be cut.

The machinists' strike has caused the layoff of some 4,000 other workers and production losses have been running at £1m a day.

Initially, with National Enterprise Board approval, Leyland planned an investment of more than £50m for Bathgate, of which almost £20m has already been committed.

Now the decision to abandon the rest of the programme means that among the plans for Bathgate that will be axed is the transfer of work from the Albion plant at Glasgow and the building of a new CKD (completely knocked down) plant to assemble truck kits for export.

MG operation joins Jaguar Rover Triumph

By Clifford Webb

Mr Michael Edwardes, British Leyland chairman, is still ringing the changes in his reorganized cars set-up. Yesterday in a move which many thought should have been made at the time of the original reorganization, he switched MG from Austin Morris to Jaguar Rover Triumph.

The alignment of MG sports-cars with JRT, the group's specialist car subsidiary, means that it will no longer be the odd man out in the hard pressed Austin Morris volume car operation.

On the other hand Mr Ray Horrocks, Austin Morris managing director, was reluctant to lose control of the 1,200-strong labour force at MG's Abingdon, Oxford plant. Not only is it the most reliable and strike-free in the whole of BL Cars, but it is also profitable.

One of the most pressing reasons for the switch is MG's exports to North America. Some 75 per cent of its annual 45,000 output goes to the United States, but under the reorganization of seven months ago Austin Morris assumed overall responsibility for European car exports, while JRT concentrated on North America.

Now JRT has full control of exports and BL's overall sports car policy. North American sales have been hit by the absence of Triumph TR7s since the Speke Liverpool plant was closed earlier this year with the loss of 3,000 jobs.

Production of the TR7 has just resumed at Canley, Coventry, and the car will be relaunched with a major sales campaign probably next month. The present model will be followed by other versions including a traditional soft top and more powerful models using the Rover V8 and Dolomite Sprint engines.

It was originally planned to phase out the Canley-made Triumph Spitfire early next year to make room for an expanded TR7 assembly line. But last night Canley employees were told that the Spitfire will now continue into the 1980s.

Japanese motor sales pass total for 1977

By David Felton

Japanese car sales this year have now overtaken the total sold last year but Government and motor industry sources are confident that the Japanese importers will honour the agreement struck last March and not exceed their 1977 market share.

Returns for the early part of October show that more than 9,000 Japanese cars were sold in the United Kingdom which when added to the total sold in the first eight months has taken them over the 140,415 sold last year.

Figures for the first 10 days of this month give market leadership to BL, which is cashing in on a campaign promoting sales of cut-price Marinas ahead of the re-vamped model which is due to be unveiled at the end of the month.

Ford, in second place, are taking about 23 per cent of the market, with Vauxhall recovering third place from Datsun with a share of about 8.5 per cent.

It was always expected that Japanese manufacturers would sell more cars this year than last because 1978 is expected to be one of the best on record for car sales with registrations expected to top 1.6 million compared with 1.3 million last year.

But the important figure to the Government is the number of cars shipped to the United Kingdom from Japan.

In the first eight months of this year shipments reached 98,000 and the Department of Trade is expecting large shipments during September and October. However, the Japanese Government has recently reiterated its pledge of last March not to exceed shipments of 150,591.

Last year the Japanese share of the market was 10.61, and although it is currently running at 11.15 per cent the industry expects the share to be held below 11 per cent.

Mr Douglas Hoyle, Labour MP for Nelson and Colne, yesterday called for a total ban on further imports of Japanese cars for the rest of the year.

Tribunals to hear employees' claims

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Lord Elwyn-Jones, the Lord Chancellor, is preparing to make use of his powers under the Employment Protection Act to give industrial tribunals jurisdiction to hear claims from employees related to breaches of their contracts of employment.

At the present time, employees alleging breaches of contract must go to County Courts to seek damages and sums due to them. This applies, for example where a worker claims he was wrongly dismissed, a long standing common law complaint as distinct from the different and newer concept of unfair dismissal (presently dealt with by tribunals which have powers to award compensation).

Since the introduction of unfair dismissal legislation, some employees have, therefore, been offered two distinct jurisdictions to obtain remedies.

It was always intended to transfer, at some time, breaches of employment contract to tribunals, but to date the Lord Chancellor has not utilized powers given to him over two years ago under the Employment Protection Act in Section 109.

It is expected that certain types of contractual claim, such as damages for personal injuries, will still go before the courts. The aim seems to be to make life a bit simpler for the dismissed employee, often confused by the need to divide his courses of action between a tribunal and/or a court.

Tribunals will often look at breaches of contract within statutory rules on unfair dismissal in assessing fairness, but



Lord Elwyn Jones: preparing to use powers.

they rigidly exclude argument that a sacking was wrongful in common law terms because a separate legal remedy and jurisdiction is involved.

One of the big questions concerns the detailed rules the Lord Chancellor will need to draft in handing new work over to the tribunals. Lawyers have long speculated as to whether legal aid will become available to employees in fighting their cases before tribunals. At present, an employee going to a tribunal can only get £25 worth of free advice from a lawyer, but if he takes action against his employer in the county court he may qualify for legal aid.

It is expected that when the Lord Chancellor makes an order (after consultations with interested parties) conferring jurisdiction to hear breaches of employment contract, it will contain more information on the types of claims that tribunals are to take over along with their present very considerable work. The common thread appears to be that the claims must arise from termination of employment, which means that some matters, such as a dispute over holiday entitlements, may not qualify for a tribunal hearing (unless it is associated with some other claim within the tribunal's duties to determine).

US payments deficit drops by 50pc, but IMF points to growing trade imbalance

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Sept 19

The United States Department of Commerce today reported that the United States balance of payments deficit on current account fell by over 50 per cent in the second quarter of this year to $3,261m from $6,855m.

However, new trade data released today by the International Monetary Fund shows a growing imbalance between the trade positions of the United States and other leading industrial countries. A sharp reduction in the combined trade deficit of industrial countries took place in the first half of this year, despite a major rise in the American trade deficit.

Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Secretary of the Treasury, predicted a substantial improvement in the United States payments accounts in the next year. Administration officials cautioned that the actual current quarter payments deficit might be larger than the second quarter deficit announced today.

The improvement in the United States current account was largely due to a decline in the trade deficit in this period to $7,800m from $11,201m in the first quarter. In the first half of this year, the current account deficit was almost double that of the same 1977 period at $10,119m against $5,425m.

Foreign assets in the United States rose by only $200m in the second quarter, after increasing by $18,100m in the first quarter, with foreign official assets falling by $4,900m, after rising by $15,800m in the previous three months. This change was largely due to the strengthening of the United States currency in the exchange markets in this period. United States assets abroad rose in the second quarter by $5,000m, which is just one-third of the rise registered in the first quarter.

The IMF stated that the aggregate trade deficit of industrial countries in the first half of 1978 compared to the first half of 1977 fell by $12,930m to $14,390m. In large measure this was due to the increase in the Japanese surplus to $8,500m from $2,300m.

West Germany boosted its trade surplus in the first half of this year by $2,400m to $9,100m while major improvements were seen in cutting deficits by Italy, France and Britain. Sweden moved from a first half 1977 deficit of $956m to a surplus in the first six months of this year of $908m.

The IMF noted that the United States deficit expanded substantially while "all other industrial countries export growth during the period exceeded that of their imports."

The fund is now predicting an overall current account 1978 surplus for industrial countries of $14,000m against a surplus in 1977 of $1,000m. In its forecasts the fund sees a $15,000m fall in the surplus of the key oil exporting countries to $20,000m while it expects the non-oil developing countries to have a $30,000m deficit compared to a $22,000m deficit last year.

Comben expects bid success

Acceptances of Comben Group's bitterly contested offer for housebuilder Orme Developments were said to be "rolling in" last night, after Comben had announced earlier in the day that the total had reached just over 44 per cent. Mr T. R. Roydon, chairman of Comben, said he is "very optimistic" that his company, also a housebuilder, would gain control of Orme by the time the offer finally closes next Monday. Mr Roydon says he wants a full merger of the two companies which would result in the country's second biggest housebuilder with assets of more than £20m.

The cash offer for Orme, worth 57p a share, closed on Monday. This revised offer replaced the original bid of 30p in cash and six Comben shares for every five of Orme. That original offer remains in force until the beginning of next week.

The major remaining question seems to be what St Piran, the tin mining group with house building interests, will do with its 28 per cent stake in Orme. This was mainly acquired from Orme Developments' founders, Mr Peter Whitfeild and Mr Bob Tanner, back in July. Subsequent purchases by directors of St Piran were judged by the Takeover Panel to have breached its rules.

St Piran, which resisted the Comben offers, is now left with the choice of keeping a minority stake or selling at less than the revised cash offer

ptimism n common nd talks

n Alan McGregor
eva, Sept 19

r Gamani Corea, Secretary eral of Unctad, was optic today on chances for ess in the next common negotiating conference in ember—and specific about consequences of failure.

t a news conference, after two-week session of tad's managing body, the le and Development Board, said the conference from ember 14 to 27 should be to achieve a further step ards agreement on the com- fund, which is the key nent in Unctad's programme securing stable prices and plies of the 18 main com- dities.

e emphasized that if final eement was not reached on fund before the Unctad V ference in Manila next May, climate of North-South otiations would deteriorate tically, and Manila would liable to become the occa- for mutual recrimination confrontation between rich poor nations.

e felt that the purpose of integrated programme was long last sufficiently appre- ed.

sked about the effect on modity markets of the ing up of the integrated gramme, he said specula- would be "dampened". commodity exchanges ld continue to function in onse to the needs of sellers buyers.

Senate vote to hasten gas decision

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Sept 19

American senators today voted 59 to 39 to defeat an attempt to send the Natural Gas Pricing Bill back to a committee of congressional leaders for further study.

Had the motion been carried, there would have been absolutely no chance of passage of meaningful United States energy legislation this year.

The outcome of today's vote was not surprising, as many senators have stated that the issue has been studied long enough and they want to move forward and take a final vote. The Bill's fate now looks like being decided on September 27, and the margin is likely to be closer than the one seen today.

President Carter wrote to all senators urging the defeat of today's Bill, and the senate majority leader, Senator Robert Byrd, warned his colleagues on the senate floor today that foreign nations wanted to know what United States energy policy was going to be and "we must settle this question and settle it now".

The White House contends that passage of the Natural Gas Bill is the single most important action which can be taken this year to strengthen the dollar and cut American energy imports. It believes that the Bill can reduce American oil imports by 1958 by 1.4 million barrels a day.

French franc hit by selling pressure

The French franc was hit by a bout of selling in thin foreign exchange markets yesterday, and ended the day weaker against most currencies.

It lost 1¼ centimes against the dollar to close at 4.39¼ francs to the dollar.

Sterling rose by 30 points against the United States currency to close at $1.9625. The pound also strengthened against a basket of currencies with the effective rate index up 0.1, at 62.9 per cent of its end 1971 value.

Trading was mostly quiet with the dollar losing a little ground against most major currencies. The Canadian dollar dropped to a new low of 85.455 US cents.

Longman's US expansion 'could be hindered'

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"and presumably quite a number of private shareholders see it the same way."

Lord Drogheda, one of the three independent directors of Longman, all of whom supported the proposals, said after the meeting that he was disappointed by the failure of some large institutions to attend.

He said he felt those institutions which had voted against the proposals by proxy should have attended to hear any further arguments that might be put forward.

At the meeting he had asked large institutions to bear in mind that by voting against the plan they could be preventing the overwhelming majority of individual shareholders from enjoying the benefits both immediate and long-term which would stem from the takeover.

Lord Gibson had earlier given a warning that failure of the plan could hinder Longman's United States expansion in that resources of the parent company would not be so readily available to the subsidiary.

However, Mr Wakefield, the only person to speak against the plan at the meeting, declared that the premium offered was insufficient given that Longman was a successful transatlantic publisher with an extremely strong balance sheet.

He declared that he and other institutional holders were not opposed to the principle of the deal but only to the price.

He said that Pearson's bid represented about 4½ times Longman's latest pre-tax earnings, which was only the average market value of British industrial groups, and therefore did not reflect the usual bid premium.

However, Lord Gibson declared that Pearson was not attempting to "buy-out" a minority but rather to "bring-in" that minority into a bigger, stronger and more widely-based group.

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US gold bids near London market levels

Washington, Sept 19.—The United States Government today auctioned 300,000 ounces of gold, with 18 bidders offering to buy substantially more than the total offering at prices close to London market levels.

The Dresdner Bank of Frankfurt submitted a last-minute modification of its bids and offered to buy a total of 272,000 ounces at prices ranging from $212.56 to $212.96 an ounce. Dresdner's earlier bids, modified upward, were in a price range about $1 an ounce less for each bid.

Other bidders included American and West European gold dealers and banks.

Swiss Bank Corporation of Zurich also revised upward its original offer to buy the entire 300,000 ounces at $198.28 an ounce. Its revised bids, quoted prices ranging from $209.77 an ounce upward to $213.06 an ounce for various quantities.—AP-Dow Jones.

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The Times index: 226.81 —2.47
The FT index: 525.2 —5.6

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First Nat Fin	1p to 3½p
Gill & Duffus	6p to 164p
Hewitt J	11p to 25p
Leslie	3p to 64p
Nato of Aust	10p to 250p
Oil Exploration	8p to 230p
Redland	5p to 172p

N'thgate Explor	10p to 365p
Plessey	1p to 122p
Racal Elect	10p to 334p
Stln Malayan	10p to 315p
Thorn Electric	10p to 378p
Tarmac	10p to 146p
Westland Air	3p to 42p

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.70
Austria Sch	29.25	27.25
Belgium Fr	65.50	62.00
Canada $	2.34	2.27
Denmark Kr	11.08	10.58
Finland Mkk	8.30	7.95
France Fr	8.87	8.47
Germany Dm	4.05	3.84
Greece Dr	73.00	69.00
Hongkong $	9.50	9.05
Italy Lr	1675.00	1590.00
Japan Yn	398.00	373.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.17
Norway Kr	10.61	10.16
Portugal Esc	90.50	85.50
S Africa Rd	2.02	1.89
Spain Pes	149.50	142.50
Sweden Kr	9.00	8.60
Switzerland Fr	3.28	3.06
US $	2.01	1.95
Yugoslavia Dnr	41.00	38.25

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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ding gained 30 points to 625. The effective exchange index was at 62.9.

Gold gained $1.75 an ounce to $212.875.

SDR $ was 1.27261 on Tuesday, while SDR £ was 0.648043.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1476.4 (previous 1484.2).

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Guidelines for self-discipline among strikers

Italian unions debate code for disputes

The joint secretariat of the three big Italian trade union confederations has agreed on guidelines for a code of conduct to self-discipline strikes.

Among its features, the code would include:

1. Adequate advance notice of impending industrial action, and wide publication of the issues in a dispute.
2. Definition of who is responsible for calling industrial action.
3. Maintenance of essential vices to safeguard the health and safety of the public.
4. Guarantees for the safety of industrial plant.
5. Gradual application of industrial action.

These guidelines will go for approval by a meeting early next month of the joint directorate of the Communist dominated CGIL, the Catholic orientated CISL, and the non-confessional UIL. They will pass to the individual federation which, it is hoped, will work out the detailed code for their trades or categories in time to be applied from January 1.

The trade unions have always rejected legislation on the subject of strikes, although this is sanctioned in article 40 of the constitution. The issue has come to the fore because the union leaderships recognize that damage has been done to the public interest in recent wildcat strikes by so-called "autonomous" unions in, for example, hospitals and in rail and air transport during the holiday season.

At the same time, the unions dislike a regulation dating from Fascist times, when a provincial prefect could break a strike by serving notices on workers to return to work. Earlier this month the prefect of Siracuse in Sicily invoked it to mobilize a group of workers to return and ensure the safety of plant at the Liquichimica chemical works at Augusta, which had been abandoned

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in Rome

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Interim Report

	Six months to 1.7.78	Six months to 2.7.77
★ Group turnover (£'000)	20 864	19 753
★ Pre-tax profits (£'000)	1 254	1 159
★ Interim earnings per share	5.30p	5.41p
★ Interim dividend per share	2.1373p	1.914p
★ Net assets per share	86.4p	83.5p

Copies of the interim report are available on request to the Group Secretary at P.O. Box 52, Wayzgoose Drive, Derby DE2 6XP.

Microprocessor state direction 'unwelcome'

By Kenneth Owen

The National Research Development Corporation, in assessing projects for development support, would not welcome any government-imposed preference or priority for microprocessor-based systems, Mr William Makinson, the corporation's managing director, said yesterday.

He was rejecting a suggestion that *the corporation might follow a recommendation* by the Government's Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development, made in a report the previous day, that such preference should be given in government funding generally.

Speaking on the occasion of the publication of the corporation's annual report for 1977-78, Mr Makinson said: "I don't think we would react very kindly to the suggestion that we should do what the Government is doing on a *massive scale—to put money in on a* non-commercial basis."

Though many of the NRDC's current projects incorporated microprocessor technology, it would be wrong to assess new projects on anything other than the corporation's normal technical and commercial standards, he stressed.

In its annual report the corporation reveals a further year of expansion, with income exceeding £20m for the first time, and the after-tax surplus amounting to *£4.78m, compared with* £5.24m in the previous year.

Spending on the development of inventions rose to £6m for the year, up from £4.38m in 1976-77. Finance for 95 new development projects was provided, *bringing the total investment* authorized by the corporation for its 440 current development projects to almost £50m.

Lord Schon, NRDC chairman, said that the corporation continued to be self-financing, and had repaid a further £5.72m of loans from the Department of Industry ahead of schedule. Licence income had risen to over £17m for the year, of which about £10m had come from the United States.

The corporation's main licence *revenue earners* are listed as alkali-resistant glass fibre (Building Research Station); carbon fibres (Royal Aircraft Establishment); cephalosporin antibiotics (Oxford University Medical Research Council); cholesterol assay (Clinical Research Centre); pole-amplitude-modulated electric motors (Bristol University); pyrethroid insecticides (Rothamsted Experimental Station); and virus culture medium (Edinburgh University/Medical *Research Council).*

A total of 1,690 inventions had been communicated to the NRDC during the year, of which 792 came from public bodies, 273 from companies and 625 from private individuals. After assessment, 46 *survived in the form of new* joint ventures with industry and 49 were given support for further development to assist licensing. Fifty United Kingdom licensing agreements were completed during 1977-78, together with 12 foreign licensing agreements.

Thirty-two new revenue earners among the licensed inventions brought the current total of licence revenue earners to 329.

Among the new major projects set up with industry during the year were: Atkins computer graphics software (Kins Development); automated farm management system (R. J. Fullwood & Bland); computer-aided design of electronic circuits (Racal-Redac); diver lifeboat chamber (Seaforth Marine); microprocessor program development (Computer Analysts & Programmers);



Lord Schon: "Self-financing continues."

on/off-road utility vehicle (Manchester Garages Motorcraft); and software for printing and publishing (Software *Sciences Comprite).*

Budget in Holland sets record deficit

From Robert Schuill
Amsterdam, Sept 19

Holland's centre-right coalition Government of Christian Democrats and right-wing Liberals, today presented Parliament with a budget which for the first time exceeded Fl105,000m (nearly £24,000m), with a record deficit equivalent *to 6 per cent of the national* income.

The Budget was presented by Mr Frans Andriessen, the Finance Minister, at the start of the new parliamentary year.

The Fl26,200m (nearly £5,900m) deficit was described by Mr Andriessen as an extreme limit which would not be repeated in subsequent budgets.

The emphasis in the Budget was on the need to combat unemployment, reduce inflation further from the present 4.5 per cent, and boost exports.

The Government hopes to create conditions which will allow profits in business and industry to pick up and thereby stimulate investments which will lead to new jobs. The trade unions fear, however, that the investments will go towards labour-saving machinery rather than new jobs.

The budget contains the first steps of a three-year Government plan to cut public spending by Fl10,000m

Russian warning of retaliation if West restricts merchant shipping

From Michael Binyon
Moscow

The Russians have warned Western governments that if they place restrictions on Soviet merchant shipping, retaliatory action will be taken.

Replying to a speech last week by Mr Richard Burke, the European Commissioner for Shipping, reported in *The Times*, the Soviet Ministry of the Merchant Navy denied that Soviet shipping practices were unfair and undercut other shipping lines.

Mr Burke also said Soviet policies amounted to an abuse of freedom of the seas, and that EEC shipping states needed to equip themselves to resist them.

The ministry replied that such statements misrepresented the real cause of the crisis in world shipping, and were an attempt to blame the Soviet Union and other communist countries for the surplus of world tonnage and growing competition.

The main task of the Soviet merchant fleet "was and remains the satisfaction of national requirements of the USSR in foreign trade and coastal transportation".

The principles guiding the Russians in their relations with foreign partners were equality and mutual advantage. Chartering ships to foreign concerns "does not play any significant role in the total volume of transport operations of the Soviet merchant marine, and does not determine the trends of its development".

The ministry's statement, issued by the Soviet news agency Tass, carried a warning that any attempts to impose *restrictions on Soviet shipping,* as suggested by Mr Burke "can only set off a chain of retaliatory measures whose negative consequences for the entire system of contemporary international shipping can hardly be imagined".

The ministry said it would never agree to unequal relations. Unilateral decisions on commercial shipping were contrary to existing practice and to the provisions of the Helsinki security conference.

Three-year plan to revitalize Kirkby

By John Huxley

A three-year improvement programme to create and safeguard jobs on Merseyside's largest industrial estate at Kirkby was launched yesterday.

The area, which has an unemployment rate of about 15 per cent, has suffered a number of industrial setbacks in recent years. The most recent concerns the Government-backed workers' cooperative Kirkby Manufacturing and Engineering which now faces closure. It has been claimed that a rumoured takeover by private enterprise would save only 250 of the 740 jobs.

Kirkby industrial estate employs almost 24,000 people and is regarded as performing a valuable function in attracting investment to Merseyside. However, its general appearance is unkempt and scarred by industrial decay and vandalism.

The improvement programme is the result of an unusual partnership led by Merseyside County Council, and including Knowsley Council, the Manpower Services Commission and Brick Development Association Training Services (BDATS). It is estimated by Mrs Audrey Lees, the county planning officer, that some £2m public money will be spent over the next three years, and that this will be more than matched by investment from private sources.

Kirkby is being given special priority in the county council's package of incentives for small companies.

'Illegal' aluminium cartel

From Peter Norman
Brussels, Sept 19

The European Commission has sent letters of complaint to a number of aluminium companies in the European Community, Eastern Europe and *North America charging them* with operating an illegal cartel.

Although a Commission spokesman today refused to do more than confirm the dispatch of the formal statements of objection, it appears that about 30 companies are involved including the main producers in the European Community.

According to Commission sources the main problem is a so called canalization pact between Western manufacturers and East European producers of aluminium, designed to prevent cheap imported aluminium from Eastern Europe depressing the price of the metal on Western markets. The EEC producers, including subsidiaries of companies based outside the Community, are alleged to have banded together to buy the Eastern metal for later sale at high prices, so maintaining the market price.

The EEC has been investigating the alleged offences for some time and its suspicions seem to have been aroused by the fact that aluminium prices rose by about 25 per cent between 1976 and 1977 despite a decline in demand.

The Commission is acting on the basis of article 85 of the Treaty of Rome which prohibits "all agreements between undertakings, decisions between associations of undertakings and concerted practices which may affect trade between member states and which have as their object or effect the prevention, restriction, or distortion of competition within the Common Market".

Article 85 specifically mentions agreements that "directly or indirectly fix purchase or selling prices or any other trading conditions".

In brief

Price complaint on EEC sugar rejected

Claims by grocery manufacturers that EEC sugar prices were too high were rejected yesterday by Mr John Beckett, chief executive of the British Sugar Corporation. He was replying to statements made last week by industrial users of sugar for sweets and processed food.

The corporation processes all sugar beet grown in Britain.

"Sugar consumption has not been reduced by high prices at all", Mr Beckett said at a press conference in London. "Sugar consumption in Europe and the *United Kingdom is now rela*tively stable.

"I think the impression has been given by the document put out by the three sugar-using associations that we are in a world of continuing abundance of cheap sugar. I think this is one of the myths."

The users criticized the disposal last year of the EEC sugar surplus as the expensive result of a one-sided policy. Mr Beckett called the disposals "a piece of administration that I think one can admire."

Citroën top exporter

Peugeot-Citroën was France's biggest vehicle exporter last year, with direct consolidated exports totalling Fr16,700m (about £1,952m), according to figures published in a special edition of *Moniteur du Commerce Extérieure*, an official foreign trade publication. The Renault state-controlled group came second with Fr14,500m.

Fewer textile workers

Static or declining output and a reducing workforce is recorded in the latest official statistics for the textile industry.

The figures, issued yesterday, show that the daily rate of single yarn production in July was 1½ per cent less than in June and about the same as in July last year.

The number of employees in the industry dropped by a *further 500 in July.*

Trading stamp drive

Green Shield has started an incentive scheme designed to increase use of trading stamps *at garages by turning to long-*distance lorry drivers and taximen. Some 100 garages, mainly on motorways and [illegible] roads, are to give stamps to drivers using agency cards to buy fuel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building industry 'whitewash'

From Mr L. Wood

Sir, The complacent nature of Mr Armitt's letter, "Conditions in the building industry" in *The Times* on Wednesday is an indication of what we at UCATT have come to expect from the construction employers' organization CABIN.

Mr Armitt quotes from the report commissioned by the construction employers from the so-called "independent" Economist Intelligence Unit. For my part, I prefer to rely on authenticated statistics from Government sources, such as the Health and Safety Executive's Report: "Health and Safety: Construction 1976". But this report and the subsequent comments from Mr Jim Hammer, the chief inspector of factories, about the report have *elicited a storm of protest* from the construction employers.

Despite a powerful attack by Mr Hammer on the failure of the construction employers to make adequate provisions for safety in an industry in which there are more deaths and injuries than in any other in Britain, CABIN are now attempting publicly to whitewash the employers' terrible safety record.

Instead of responding positively to Mr Hammer's call for "a radical change in the effectiveness of accident prevention", the employers have tried to defend the indefensible.

Mr Hammer has forecast that in construction, unless steps are taken to improve on past methods of preventing accidents, "about 2,000 men will die and about 400,000 will be injured over the next 10 years".

This is because in Mr Hammer's words, "by and large, the same basic causes have produced a high proportion of accidents over the past 60 or 70 years". For most causes of *accidents, there are simple* remedies but these have not been produced. Why is this?—financial reasons, says the Health and Safety Executive's report.

The report states that "techniques which have laid dormant on grounds of cost, should be developed to prevent serious risks to which certain trades, including scaffolders and roofing contractors, are *subjected. . .".* But judging from Mr Armitt's letter, the employers' attitude is still to put their profits before the lives of my union's members.

How Mr Armitt can claim that welfare provisions in the construction industry are equivalent to those in other industries escapes me, particularly when employees in construction are denied their basic right to a safe working environment.

But safety apart, construction operatives still only have three weeks annual holiday while a majority of manual workers have at least four. They enjoy no industrial pension scheme and have totally inadequate sickness benefits.

While accepting the DOE statistics mentioned in Mr Armitt's letter, the turnover of labour in construction is probably *about twice as great as in* other industries. As a result, very few construction workers ever qualify for redundancy pay, ever enjoy real security of employment or a stable income throughout the year.

UCATT believes that the attitudes of the employers are such that they will not put their own house in order. They will not take action to improve the industry's safety record, to give construction workers continuity of employment and to stamp out the evils of the lump.

We will, therefore continue to campaign for the decasualization of the industry, for compulsory employer and employee registers and for statutory backing for the present construction Industry Manpower Board which could then effectively oversee the operation of the registration scheme.

Only by this means can we achieve greater efficiency, proper manpower planning and a career structure which will encourage young people to *join the industry on a per*manent basis.

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No machine tool malaise

From Mr P. S. Law

Sir, I was perturbed to read Peter Wainwright's recent comments on the losses made by Alfred Herbert. It is most regrettable that this once famous company should continue to be a "lame duck", particularly if further redundancies become unavoidable.

However, Sir John Buckley's statement that the machine tool industry is in a recession surely is misleading. To the world at large, to read such a statement, made by a person as eminent as Sir John, influenced as he must be by the misfortunes of the company of which he is chairman, leads the reader to believe that all machine tool manufacturers are suffering from the same malaise.

Such remarks cannot but demoralize the executives and work force in the industry and give the wrong impression about the United Kingdom machine tool industry generally, at home *and abroad.*

Perhaps it would be more appropriate if Sir John would not claim to be speaking for the majority of the machine tool industry in England.

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Combining science with language studies

From Mr J. A. Venables

Sir, Although some recent correspondents have noted the "systematic way in which schools and universities, as well as industry, undervalue language proficiency" (C. A. Milner, Sept. 13), you may be interested to hear that there are some institutions who definitely *do* not. For example, the University of Bath trains about 10 per cent of its engineers with languages and the University of Sussex has launched a whole series of full science courses with languages as an integral part. Both sets of courses last 4 years, with a year spent doing their science or engineering subject on the *Continent, and* involve extensive language preparation and use.

It may seem obvious that modern language teachers in universities and schools will *bemoan the fact that industry* is not particularly interested in language graduates, or that not enough pupils are taking A-level language. But the reason is surely that language graduates have to be employed to talk *about* something, and language courses at university and in the sixth form are too exclusively *literature-based* to be of wide general interest. Modern languages are a means to communicate what you want to say, and as such are of most interest as part of a course (or *indeed*, a life spent) in science, technology, management science, economics or law.

The long experience of the University of Bath and others and my more recent indications at Sussex, indicate that there is no shortage of employers for graduates trained in modern languages in this way. The problem lies more in alerting prospective applicants to the fact that they can study languages at University (or Polytechnic) in conjunction with their major (science) subject on the basis of an "O"-level taken before the sixth form.

Yours faithfully,

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September 13, 1978

Product liability and laws of contract and torts

From Mr P. J. Davis

Sir, Mr Lewis (September 15) *appears to be confusing* the law of contract—to which Mr Macgeorge (September 8) was referring—with the law of torts.

Mr Macgeorge is quite right *when he says that in the law* of *contract* only the person who buys the defective product has a right to redress. This is because the law of contract requires that "consideration *must move from the promi*see".

Thus, if I buy a meal for myself and four friends and the food served to us is inedible, only I have a claim *against the seller of the food* for breach of contract. My friends cannot claim in contract because they furnished no consideration (ie, in this case payment or the promise thereof), although it may be that I could claim damages for my friends' disappointment as well as my own (Jackson v Horizon Holidays Ltd (1975)), but it is debatable whether I would be obliged to account to them for the damages thus recovered.

If, on the other hand, the food was poisonous, causing my friends and me to be ill, all of us could then claim damages from the seller in the tort of negligence, irrespective of the fact that I was the only one to give consideration for the meal (in addition, of course, I, but only I, would have a claim in contract as well).

The difference between these two situations is, inter *alia*, that in the former case I would rely on a breach of S14 of the Sale of Goods Act, 1893, by which it is an implied condition that the food in the above example is of "merchantable quality," and is "reasonably fit for its purpose". I do not have to prove that the seller was negligent in serving the food in that condition; either the food meets the requirements of S14 or it does not—the seller's liability is "strict".

In the latter situation, on the other hand, I would have to prove, in order to succeed, (a) *that the seller owed me a duty* of care, (b) that he was in breach of that duty, and (c) that I suffered damage as a result. Proving (b) would involve proving that the food was poisonous and that the seller was *negligent* in serving the food in that condition, his, of course, is a much more onerous burden of proof than in the former situation.

Thus, in the former example, in the absence of negligence on the part of the seller my four friends would be without a remedy. The current proposals to introduce strict product liability would remedy this situation and this is the point Mr Lewis seems to miss.

Yours faithfully,

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Business appointments

Blackwood Hodge names new managing director

Mr W. A. Shapland, chairman and group managing director of **Blackwood Hodge**, has resigned as group managing director but continues as chairman. Mr C. L. Ferguson has been made group managing director. Mr A. C. Richards, managing director of United Dominions Trust, becomes a non-executive director and Mr R. P. Jones is now finance director.

Mr Cornell C. Maier has been elected *chairman of Kaiser Alu*minium and Chemical Corporation, succeeding Mr Edgar F. Kaiser, who has been named chairman emeritus and honorary director for life.

Mr Peter Gumer has become group managing director of **Tafaco Group**. Mr P. J. de Savary becomes executive deputy chairman.

Mr Harry Toffs, at present director and general manager, becomes managing director, chemicals trading division, **Steetley Chemicals**, from October 1. Mr Stanley Browning, director and general manager, is made managing director, magnesia division, Steetley Refractories.

Mr J. [illegible] Archbarough becomes managing director of Mann Egerton's Rolls-Royce division in succession to Mr Eric Holtham, who has retired.

Mr Michael Heerey is now managing director of **Satra Motors**.

Mr Robin *Hudstone* has been made chairman of **Gresham Management & Investment** and of **Gordon Audio Visual**.

Mr K. East, who becomes joint managing director of EMI music operations on October 1, has also been made a divisional director of EMI Limited.

Following the recent acquisition by EMI Limited of Universal Parking Meter, Mr A. P. Mayhead, Mr A. Sedgwick, Mr D. J. George and Mr D. S. Jackson have joined the UPM board.

Mr E. S. *Impson*, Mr E. A. B. Hammond and Mr H. L. G. Gibson have been made part-time members of the **Monopolies and Mergers Commission**.

Mr Michael Davies is now chief executive of **Adler Business Systems**.

Mr E. H. Cretney, Mr L. H. Dale, Mr J. E. Eardley, Mr G. M. A. Harrison, Mr W. Robinson and Mr S. Webster have been made members of the Yorkshire and Humberside Economic Planning Council.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Sterling and the gilt market

ing doubts about the capacity of the s involved to implement the Camp peace plan have done nothing to the dollar after its initial rally on ay morning. Certainly, the dollar is off, at least in the short-term, with a plan than without one. But attention reign exchange markets is already ling to the US domestic situation, par- rly the outlook for energy legislation e prospects of any further tightening netary policy.

while the dollar situation remains tant, it may well be that increasing ion will be paid to sterling vis-a-vis uropean currencies over the coming is. It may yet be, of course, that Britain ot jump straight into the proposed ean monetary scheme. But if we do, ecific question that arises is whether t entry into such a scheme would be achieved with sterling at a lower

that were the official view—and it not be an easy one to swallow ahead election—the next question would con- the ease with which a modest devalua- ould be engineered without upsetting stic financial markets. The hope pre- y would be that the gilt market would to see the medium-term implications of ious attempt to make a European tary system work as bullish.

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...year results from the London clearing s had already indicated how dull the ts trend in banking had become and of Scotland's results only serve to rline the uninspiring prospect. Volume ot ben lacking. Between February and st sterling and currency loans rose by er cent and, against the first half a ago, the increase was 20 per cent. But cale of the margin squeeze is evident gh in profits for the latest half year 3.3m, compared to £13.6m in the prece- half and £14.0m the half before that. stock market was expecting more like £16m, given the rise in the base rates modest increase in the margin between and deposit rate, and the shares fell o 280p yesterday where they yield 6½ ent prospectively.

...npared to a year ago, admittedly, ge base rates and margins were still , but it is clear tht expenses have been ing significantly. Pension costs, for ice, are up by 20 per cent having held between the halves last year. And no extra bad debt provision has been red, the averaging formula and the h of the total portfolio has meant a antial rise in the undisclosed charge. effect has been to cancel out most of ...rease in interest revenue.

...rth West Securities, meanwhile, has its profits slip back from the peaks ...ed in the second half of last year, ...nant banking has remained flat, and the bank has to contend with the ...e contraints imposed by the "corset". ...r interpretation of the comment that " will remain susceptible to the same ...s as affected the results for the past year" must thus be that Bank of Scot- will have to struggle to exceed last s profits of £27.6m by much more than ...dest margin. Bank shares generally ...beendismal performers for some time, there is not much here to suggest that ...rating is due yet.

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...ne level the outcome of yesterday's ...on Longman meeting should neither ...rass S. Pearson, which was stopped taking in the Longman minority, or be as a significant example of "institu- l power" which has become such a debate recently. After all S. Pearson ed a price for the minority which it ved to be right and refused to be ed into paying more when faced with a pressure from heavyweight shareholders' revolt.

If Pearson made a tactical mistake it was in not backing its view that the price was reasonable with sufficient information about Longman's immediate profit prospects, and as such its scheme paid the price. On the other hand the four-strong institutional caucus which created the successful opposition were simply demonstrating the right of any shareholder to reject terms which in this case of buying out a minority it felt were ungenerous.



Lord Drogheda, one of the three non-Pearson directors on the Pearsn Lngman bard

The same sort of thing has happened in numerous occasions in the past, notably in unsuccessful takeover bids, the difference on this occasion being that the institutions were prepared to make their case against the Pearson terms publicly by circulating the minority and openly discussing their grievances. Moreover, they were prepared to do so despite protestations from the boardrooms of both Pearson and Pearson Longman, companies which have strong links with the City establishment.

Aurora

Consolidation is needed

Aurora Holdings' steady stream of acquisitions, culminating in the £11.4m takeover of Samuel Osborn in June, has kept the impressive profits momentum going. A 56 per cent increase in interim profits to £1.65m now is almost entirely due to the three acquisitions prior to Osborn and this latest purchase should make an initial contribution of at least £1m for the second half indicating a group profit of some £4.3m for the year against £2.5m. For shareholders the immediate price will be a dilution of 30 per cent in earnings to around 15p per share.

So staying with the group is for now very much an act of faith in its ability to continue its spectacular tranformation from a disconnected pile of small companies into a significant steel and engineering business. If Aurora can bring Osborn up to its own level of profitability (that is to say an 18 per cent return on capital employed) the expanded group has the potential to make £7m.

But, although Aurora reports no unforeseen problems with Osborn, there can be no doubt that it represents a very big bite indeed. The current programme of cost cutting is the first step but longer-term the aim must be to fundamentally alter the balance of Osborn's business—specifically in pulling away from the heavy dependence on South Africa which contributed almost 90 per cent of last years trading profits. Fortunately for Aurora this integration process is taking place against the background of a slightly firmer steel and engineering market, though the process and industrial plant division is having a rough time and looks ready to be sold off. On the longer view Aurora's commitment to going up market, supplying typically the nuclear and aerospace industries, must be a sound way of outperforming the engineering industry as a whole.

Shareholders, however, having seen the number of shares in issue almost quadrupled within two years would be justified in settling for a period of consolidation, in which case the shares at 99p yielding 8 per cent and selling at under 7 times prospective earnings could prove cheap on a longish view.

Where will Sir Freddie get the cash?

In the wake of a highly successful summer for his Skytrain operation Sir Freddie Laker has now unveiled plans which will take his Laker Airways an important step towards joining the big league of international airlines.

Over the next six years he is to spend £380m buying 15 new wide-bodied jets, and the immediate question must be how on earth can he do it.

Aside from emphasizing that deposits have already been paid and that there is no question of any British Government support, Sir Freddie is refusing to reveal anything about the financing arrangements.

But the fact is, that his balance sheet looks ill-equipped to support the expansion of business on the scale now planned. The most recent figures available, covering the year to March 31, 1977, showed that the company had a net worth of £3.8m and net borrowings of £23m—although admittedly a professional valuation of the aircraft fleet and spares threw up a surplus over book value of some £22m profits, excluding a £1.2m exchange loss, totalled £776,000.

Growth since then is likely to have been impressive, but by no stretch could the balance sheet be said to accommodate with any comfort the kind of commitments now being envisaged.

The standard method by which small companies finance aircraft in the United Kingdom is through leasing. The aircraft manufacturer sells the aircraft to a finance house, probably an aaffiliate of a clearing bank, which then enters into a long ter mleasing agreement with the operator. The finance house is able to claim the capital allowances, which in turn enables it to offer a competitive package to the operator.

The security of the finance house is two-fold. First it has a contract with the operator to make regular payments equal to the value of the aircraft plus an interest change. Second, in the event of default it can repossess the aircraft.

Deals of this sort can be arranged without them ever appearing in a company's balance sheet, except as a note showing hire of plant and equipment including leased assets. But this may shortly change. Within a month or so the accountancy profession will reveal its views on accounting for leasing, and these are likely to require companies to capitalize leased assets.

The argument, in essence, is that a leasing deal of this kind is tantamount to buying the aircraft by means of loan finance, and that the aircraft should therefore be shown in the balance sheet as an asset.

Many companies—including British Airways—already adopt this policy. In short, whether Sir Freddie buys or leases his proposed new aircraft, they are likely to appear in his balance sheet ultimately.

Since it is clear that Laker Airways' balance sheet will not, in itself offer much support to a lending banker, it would appear that whoever provides the finance must be taking a sanguine view of Sir Freddie's management capability and his cash flow projections.

But it may well be that Sir Freddie will not be seeking all his finance from the bankers.

Ten of the aircraft he is buying are A-300B-4 Airbuses, and it is widely felt that Airbus Industrie, the Franco-German consortium which Britain is now committed to joining, may be prepared to offer attractive financing terms as part of its bid to establish a substantial sales base for the Airbus.

The implication is that any credit risk would be spread across the taxpayers of three countries, and with such resources conventional banking criteria may not be wholly relevant. The Government commitment to the Airbus is now such that deals could become possible which would stand little chance in the purely commercial world.

Christopher Wilkins

Sheila Black talks to Victor Matthews about publishing and profits

Launching Britain's most expensive tabloid

"y first motive is always profit. Let us get that quite straight", said Victor Mathews, chief executive of Trafalgar House which owns Express Newspapers and Morgan Grampian Magazines. New titles have just been announced for both divisions—*The Daily Star* for the Express and *The Financial Weekly* for MG.

"People are always saying I am in love with the publishing business; but, to be honest, I never got hooked", said Matthews. "I cantruthfully say I love publishing less now than when I first came into it because I can see the unrealities. However I can also see the profit potential and, naturally, I do not think of our groups as swimming against the tide when others are retrenching or being cautious."

In one of his rare public speeches Victor Matthews said that "publishing is not so much overmanned as undertitled", adding quickly that "if it had more titles it would still be overmanned". He finds it easy enough to curb his natural enthusiasf after what he describes as years of experience at going for profitability.

"The Express Group is in profit now—not a lot but it does represent a turnround in the current financial year nearly ended of about £5m. I know that's almost laughable. Very small when you realize the turnover is more like £100m, but it is an achievement that points in the right direction. It is a realistic figure and we have not hidden or creamed off any costs or anything like that. It means we can make more.

"I see the new *Daily Star* as something that will reduce our overheads and use spare production capacity in Manchester." Matthews belongs very much to the school that hates unused assets—as Trafalgar House history shows.

"You are going to remind me that I talked about a new national Sunday paper and a third London evening 12 months ago. They are still very much on the cards although we are starting a daily first and things are running in reverse.

"I did always have a daily in mind but I have learned that it is technically more difficult to start a Sunday than a daily or an evening which is why I have adapted. I still will not be held to ransom and if I find we are adding overheads instead of cutting them that will be the end of the paper."

He was sorry to be asked questions about *The Star* in the same context as *The Financial Weekly* because he sees them as totally different projects.



Victor Matthews: not hooked on publishing.



William Davis: a dream come true.

The financial paper is something he has always wanted to publish, even before his abortive negotiations for the Investors' Chronicle with the then owners, *The Financial Times* and IPC. The price was agreed but Matthews could not conform to the publishing conditions which, he said, put him in an editorial and business straitjacket. In the end, the *FT* bought out IPC's shares.

Bill Davis, editor in chief of *The Financial Weekly*, says that he was very much against buying the Investors' Chronicle. As a journalist and editor (of *Punch* for nine years) he has learned that it is cheaper and easier to start a new paper and to buy new readers than to take over and change an old one.

Certainly the first year's costs of *The Financial Weekly* will be considerably below the £1.25m price for the IC.

Initial print order is to be 60,000, though there is a difference of opinion as to the figure at which it will settle down between the managing director, Andrew Ross, and Davis.

The cover price is to be decided nearer the launching date, but it will undoubtedly be Britain's most expensive national weekly tabloid. "It will not be printed on pink, blue or green paper, but on old-fashioned white", Davis said.

For him this is a dream come true. The paper has had a nine-month gestation period—rather more traditional than the three months of the *Daily Star*.

Printing contracts for *The Financial Weekly* are almost concluded at a web offset plant which has no connexions with Trafalgar House or Fleet Street.

An editor has yet to be chosen though Davis will be the mastermind. He accepts that the readership is difficult to define. He sees them as young executives all over Britain.

"The *FT* has become so international, full of being Europe's paper, and it is ignoring too many busy people here in Britain who do not want to wade through all that but want a good weekend business paper.

"There will be plenty of investigative journalism. Yes, I do know the cost is very high but I am not building a large staff. I will go for outside contributors and pay them for three months' digging where we smell a real story.

"I also think that executives' wives have been completely overlooked and there will be plenty for them whether their husbands are bank managers in Bristol or tycoons in Birmingham. And there will be plenty for women in business. Most magazines in the business world give far too little information about people and I think people are as important in balance sheets as figures."

At the moment it is easy to see what editorial plums there would be for the paper in such dramas as the Allied/Lyons bid and Peugeot-Chrysler.

If the weekly is to be Britain's most expensive tabloid, *The Daily Star* is to be heavily promoted as the cheapest—one penny below *The Sun* and 2p below *The Mirror*.

It is to be distinctively down-market, very much in the same arena as *The Sun* and *The Mirror*.

Derek Jameson, its editor in chief, says it is also to be about people, about caring and not "just about tit and bum but about news, sport, more people and . . ."

Could the rest be sex? At a showbiz-type presentation last week, three girls in white personified the existing three Express titles, while a scarlet lady, came on as The Star Youth is again the target for this newspaper and printing is scheduled to start in Manchester on the first of a rolling launch in three stages on October 16.

Union agreement has not been reached yet.

These two news offsprings of Trafalgar House may be poles apart but they have some things in common. Both are entering markets with firmly entrenched rivals. It is not going to be easy to fight the *Financial Times* and the *Economist* on the one hand nor the *Sun* and *Daily Mirror* on the other.

Both the new papers will have to chase advertising that is already committed to the rivals and both will have to buy their readers with expensive promotions.

The new *Financial Times* magazine, *World Business Weekly*, will be so international as not to compete editorially with *Financial Weekly* but it could undoubtedly be a formidable competitor for advertising.

Both publications are typical of some things about Trafalgar House and Victor Matthews.

As a newcomer to publishing, Matthews has few of the inhibitions of the experienced publisher. He is prepared to start anything as long as conditions and the profit forecasts look right and ready to kill it if things turn sour.

I asked him about plans in other fields of communications like television and computerized systems. "Not yet", he said, "but I do not rule them out."

A snake by any other name . . .

The first of the many difficult choices over economic policy which Mr Callaghan and the Cabinet postponed until after the election that never was, is now being forced upon them.

It comes from the clear decision by President Giscard D'Estaing of France and Chancellor Schmidt of Germany to ram through their proposal to set up a new European monetary system by the end of this year.

All of the options now open to the Government are unattractive. Either it joins a scheme which is emerging in just the way it wanted to avoid, or it risks loss of face and perhaps also of foreign confidence in sterling which a decision to remain outside would involve.

The Government's determination to delay a decision for as long as possible has not been caused just by the general paralysis in economic policy-making which the prospect of an October poll induced.

The Government also has had difficulty in articulating—even to itself—exactly what its doubts about Chancellor Schmidt's original proposal really amount to. Is it simply a question of technical points of disagreement or something much deeper—a thoroughgoing scepticism about sterling participating in a possible regime of fixed exchange rates in Europe?

The fact that the French and German leaders have been clear in their minds about what they are trying to do has meant that at every stage of the discussions the initiative has been with them.

They have consistently pushed for a new and expanded system of fixed exchange rates to replace the present "snake". The French in particular have been willing to give in on technical points in order to get such a scheme under way as soon as possible.

A major impetus for both countries has been annoyance with America's exchange rate policy which has allowed the dollar to fall dramatically over the past year and a desire to insulate Europe as far as possible from the effects of this policy.

These are the principles which underlay the original Franco-German proposal in Bremen in July. British officials were shocked at the extent to which it was a ready-drafted outline rather than just a proposal to produce a draft.

In the wake of Bremen, the Treasury tried to argue that the annex outlining the Franco-German scheme was just one of a whole range of suggestions

Caroline Atkinson and David Blake

which could be examined. They were wrong. The deliberations of the EEC's monetary committee are liberally peppered with references to the annex, which served as the document on which all subsequent work was based.

This has ensured that any scheme which is agreed will be a tight one. The Bremen communique said explicitly that the new system should be "at least as strict" as the "snake."

Some people in Britain had hoped that the Bremen proposal might be so watered down as to end up little different from the present managed float.

This was never possible, and the British Government is now faced with a clear choice.

Should Britain attempt to fix its exchange rate—which in effect will mean holding it higher than it would otherwise be—or should it stay out of the new scheme and continue to float with the most likely direction for the pound being to move downwards?

In the new system, as in the snake, all other currencies will be pulled up by the Deutsche mark against those—chiefly the dollar—outside the system.

The Germans are in favour of the scheme because they believe it will help to keep down the value of the mark. Its relationship with the dollar will be the dominant one as the mark is the strongest currency.

German inflation is running well below the level in France, Italy and Britain, and German wage costs are also rising less rapidly. Thus, if the currencies are tied within a narrow range to the mark, German goods will gradually become more competitive than those of the higher inflation countries.

If the British idea of using a basket of currencies had been chosen the problem would have been made easier. If what was really happening in the foreign exchange markets was upward pressure on the mark then only the German currency would be going up in terms of its effective value, and only the Germans would have to intervene by selling marks.

In the German parity grid system, on the other hand, the mark will be at its ceiling and the other currencies at their floor within the grid. As well as the Bundesbank selling marks to hold its currency down, the Bank of England will have to buy pounds to hold sterling up.

Whether the United Kingdom can afford to have its exchange rate against the mark held steady while there is the likelihood of its being dragged up against the dollar depends crucially on the path of inflation here and other countries.

The experience is not reassuring. In 1976, wage costs per unit of output went up by 14½ per cent in Britain, compared to Germany.

In 1977 the gap was 8 per cent and it is expected to be about the same this year. The differential between British and German inflation rates has on average been greater than this. Even if we restrict attention to unit labour costs, however, the need for recurring devaluation of sterling is clear.

If the United Kingdom were to join the new scheme next year, the Government would thus have to face the prospect of frequent devaluations to maintain competitiveness, or of spending huge amounts in a vain attempt to prop up the rate. However, supporters of the scheme hope that tieing the pound to the mark will bring the increase in British costs down to the German level.

There is no evidence that the discipline of a fixed exchange rate makes this possible. The French attempt to rejoin the snake in July 1975 ended in disaster in March 1976.

Having a fixed exchange rate against a strong currency may be possible when a country has brought its inflation rate down, but there is precious little evidence to show that a fixed exchange rate imposes lower inflation.

Despite the rise in the value of the pound between in 1977 there was a rapid rise in earnings in that year. There is no sign that unions will moderate their wage claims in the present round if the pound is stable or rising.

The foreign exchange markets could make the arguments for or against joining a scheme irrelevant. If they decide that the pound is overvalued in a new system then it will not be able to stay in for long.

However, ministers have first to decide whether to join or not. They should be clear that the scheme now proposed is little different from the old snake once the rhetorid is stripped away. And if it had been suggested a year ago that Britain should join the snake—albeit a snake with larger funds for intervention than the present one—few would have thought hard before deciding against it.

Business Diary: Whale of a time • After Kaiser

...now nearly three years Mark Adlard threw in a ...aid job with the Sheer- Steel company to become ...time writer.

...the time he was told he ...d regret the decision as ...as the money dried up; ...hen I spoke to him yes- ...there were no signs of ...happening.

...latest book, *The Green- ...*, a novel which comes ...n Monday week is the one ...all authors dream about— ...rst one to really bring in ...cash. It follows three ...e fiction novels written ...he was a steel executive. ...en I spoke to him at his ...near Hartlepool, he was ...ing a call from Jane ...oull, the paperback rights ...at his publishers, Hamish ...lton.

...was conducting a secret ...n for the British rights ...s book, and by yesterday ...ng a figure of £20,000 had ...topped.

...is is in addition to a ...ly bigger sum already ...ed for the British and ...d States hardback rights— ...ied up long before the was actually published.

...*Greenlander* is the first series of at least three ... the whalers of the Vic- ...a North-east. It looks as if ...ar-old Adlard's gamble, a ...ous enough voyage in its way, is paying off.

...gar Kaiser is stepping from the chairmanship of ...r Aluminium and Chemi- ...orporation, but, unlike his ...r, he will not be handing ...ob on to a son.

...iser, who is 70, is handing to Cornell Maier, who will



Running out of Kaisers: Kaiser Auminium's Cornell Maier.

combine the chairmanship with his present responsibilities as president and chief executive.

But Kaiser stays on as chairman emeritus and honorary director for life.

He became chairman in 1967 on the death of his father, the founder of the Oakland, California group, Henry Kaiser.

Edgar Kaiser has three sons, but now the line of succession to the chairmanship has been broken, it seems unlikely that it will be resumed.

Two of his sons work outside the Kaiser family interests, and the third, Edgar junior, is president and chief executive of a Canadian subsidiary of Kaiser Steel, a company separate from Kaiser Aluminium & Chemical.

Maier, a lifelong Kaiser man, is still only 53 and, it must be assumed, is going to be around for a long time yet. The principal Kaiser interest in this country is a joint stake with RTZ in the Anglesey aluminium smelter.

■ Otis Elevator, which has had a production subsidiary in Britain for twenty years, has launched into some mild junkering in London to celebrate the company's 125th anniversary since Elisha Otis in New York improved on Archimedes by inventing the first safety lift.

It's not the best of times to be celebrating, admits Norman Cunningham, the Scot who is managing director of the United Kingdom operation.

Construction industry recession has hit the lift and escalator industry and 300 out of 1,700 jobs have been lost at Otis's Kirkby factory near Liverpool.

But Otis plan to pluck some technological advantage out of their two years as a subsidiary of United Technologies, the aerospace and chemical propulsion corporation based in the United States.

"We're already into solid-state electronics in lift equipment but within two years we should be first in with microprocessors", said Cunningham.

This will bring not so much cost advantages as greater reliability. As the world's number one lift maker, Otis set much store by its Rolls-Royce image.

All the Park Lane hotels run on Otis, says Cunningham. But the Intercontinental, virtually on Park Lane, has Express lifts produced by the GEC subsidiary which is nudging Otis hard for as big a slice of the United Kingdom market as Otis's 30 per cent.

There are 30 big companies and another hundred or so small ones turning out lifts in Britain alone.

Cunningham, an accountant who came to Otis in 1971, turned a United Kingdom loss of £2m then to a £3m profit last year. He has been cheered lately by an export performance that has accounted for 60 per cent of Kirkby production and unusual orders like the Otis lift bought for one of the National Coal Board's show pits at Ellington in the north-east.

■ Life at the top in the Department of Industry is rather fraught. The staff have been moving into new headquarters at Ashdown House, hard by the new Army and Navy department store in Victoria. Ministers moved into the eleventh floor last week and their conversations are interrupted sometimes by the noise from the wind outside.

The premises have had their inevitable teething troubles, such as lost messengers, and a temperamental high speed lift which the other day succeeded in trapping one Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry (the first time he has been stuck for an answer for some time).

Unlike the old headquarters at 1, Victoria Street, where the Department of Trade now has room to expand, or to consolidate, according to one's point of view about ministries, the new, well carpeted Department of Industry building lacks a driveway for official cars.

People waiting at a bus stop outside Ashdown House can now watch the Government cars pull up for their VIPs and take mischievous pleasure as buses pull in first and enforce priority for the taxpayer.

■ As if bored with life in its comfy lakeside base in Geneva, GATT has decided to stick its neck out.

In the latest GATT staff paper, entitled "Adjustment, trade and growth in developed and developing countries", senior researchers Richard Blackhurst, Nicolas Marian and Jan Tumlir, tell a number of governments where to get off, asserting that many problems result from decisions taken by governments contrary to the advice of their tame economists.

The trio also specify simple and precise economic remedies.

A previous study on protectionism raised a few eyebrows last year in capitals accustomed to international bodies whose secretariats keep their views on member countries' shortcomings to themselves.

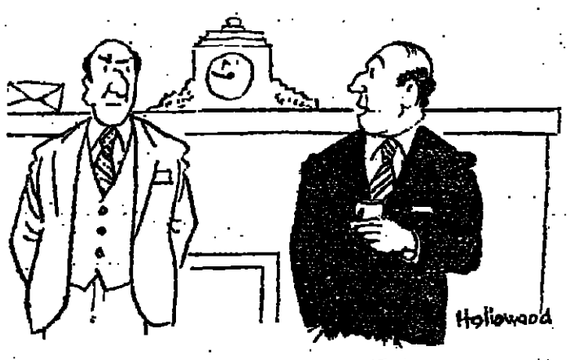
Having gone this far, however, GATT now seems apprehensive. Inquirers seeking to interview the trio are being told they are unavailable.

■ Reader K. A. Scarrp of Cheltenham has been inspired by recent Business Diary stories to dash off some verses in the style of E. J. Thribb, the dire bard of *Private Eye*.

Of my story about the demise of Johnnie Walker Red Label scotch Scarrp writes:

So. Johnnie Walker Red
Label is dead.
I see, Johnnie Label, you were
born in 1908
Which made you 70
When you died.
And thus you had
Your threescore years
And ten.
Exactly.
Therefore you were
Dead on time.
Were you an actuary
I wonder.

Ross Davies



"After the trial the press will offer enough money for Thorpe's story to finance yet another Liberal revival"

MFI Furniture shares rise as half-time figures please market

By Ray Maughan

At £5.34m, the 187 per cent pre-tax profit rise at MFI Furniture Centres was at least £1m over the most optimistic market estimates and the shares duly added 5p to 143p in dull Stock Exchange conditions.

The guessing now is what the discount household furniture group, capitalized at around £35m and potentially a firm institutional favourite if the market for the shares is expanded, will make in the current year to May 27 next. Predictions should be starting at a base of around £8m pre-tax.

Certainly, the board is confident that there is a good deal more growth to come. One of the founders, joint managing director Mr N. A. V. Lister, believes that the potential is "still enormous" and summer sales of the new lounge pine furniture, the recently introduced range of bedroom furniture and the slight shift upmarket in the kitchen ranges are reported to have gone extremely well.

Clearly, the benefits of scale are showing through from the increased branch network which carries broadly unchanged establishment costs and promotional budgets. The selling floor area increased 15 per cent last year while total sales rose by 63 per cent to £55.04m. Thus while trading margins fell slightly, not a bad thing in a highly competitive market, net margins enjoyed an "outstanding improvement".



Mr A. C. Southon, chairman of MFI.

The 59-strong branch network has been expanded at the rate of one new outlet per month and replacement of some of the older, poorly located existing stores carries as much emphasis as expansion into new areas. The board, headed by Mr Arthur Southon, admits however that the market for the right edge-of-town sites is becoming increasingly difficult.

Nevertheless, MFI is well placed, if necessary, to grow by acquisition. Net cash has doubled to about £1m and, after the adoption of ED 19, which has eliminated the mainstream tax liability, retentions amount to £4.9m while the depreciation charge is about £500,000.

A 10 per cent dividend increase to 3.3p is inevitably a disappointment but, given further growth, MFI should have scope to reward shareholders more adequately this year. Tight boardroom equity control gives the lie to vague bid rumours but the market should ease a little if, as seems likely, the 18 per cent stake held by the widow of a co-founder comes gradually onto the market.

Second half lifts Scholes to new peak

After flat interim profits, George H. Scholes looked in danger of stagnating once more. However, a "substantial improvement" in the second half of the year to end-June last helped the "Wylex" electrical products manufacturer to push annual profits up by 9 per cent to £2.03m, a new record.

The board, headed by Mr G. R. C. McDowell, is thus able to recommend a 27.67p per share final dividend, which lifts the gross total from 24.76p to the maximum allowable 27.64p per share.

Adoption of ED 19 cuts the tax liability to £791,000 for earnings per share of 29.0p per share. Adjustments of the comparable figures indicates tax of £838,000 and attributable earnings of 24.0p per share.

Expanded Metal interim decline

Expanded Metal Company's pre-tax profits fell by 30 per cent to £950,000 in the six months to June 30, 1978, on slightly increased turnover of £12.34m, compared with £12.31m.

The metal manufacturer's results continued a pattern experienced in the second half of last year, when pre-tax profits amounted to £966,000, according to chairman, Mr Stanley Field. "However, the second half of 1978 has started well and profit for the full year should not be less than was achieved in 1977", he said.

An interim dividend of 2.6p gross has been declared, against 2.46p last year.

Law Land to hold dividend

Following 1977's heavy fall in pre-tax profits, Law Land Co is only slightly down in the first half of this year. Group turnover contracted from £5.59m to £5.02m and taxable profits from £358,000 to £237,000. Profits are after charging a smaller interest bill of £1.31m, against £1.48m. Although earnings per share are more than halved, from 1.05p to 0.43p, the interim payment is held at 0.74 gross. An unchanged total dividend of 1.49p is likely. As known, the development site at Rue Belliard, Brussels, was sold in May. The net proceeds, together with a new £3m short-term sterling loan and £1.5m long-term sterling loans contributed towards the repayment of £6.7m. Eurodollar loans, which were due to be repaid in 1978 and 1979.

Stock markets

Shares drift as buyers aside

After every bout of buying, institutions pause for breath, and they were again panting rather than buying yesterday. A little profit-taking seemed to be in order after the near non-stop rise from 452 in the FT index since the beginning of July and observers saw no more in the dearth of business than that.

The Bingham Report on oil sanction-busting, weakened on Wall Street, wariness over the outcome of the Camp David summit were all said to be affecting sentiments.

More important was nervousness about possible wage claims and industrial trouble at home. The Government's tough line on earnings drift in its determined steps the Ford management might make in its reply to pay mination to see Stage Four controls strictly applied was a talking point, as also were the next claims at Dagenham.

Worries about industrial relations in the motor components industry are growing. Notably there is talk of a disappointing drop in the interim figures from Sheepbridge Engineering next month and some full-year forecasts have been revised down from £6m to £5m against £5.3m last year. The shares shed 1p to 73p yesterday.

Dealers duly responded by marking down prices modestly as a precaution against people cashing their profits but the undertone was reported firm. If buyers were absent, so the most part were sellers.

Shares got no support from gilt edged on fears of higher US interest rates. Attention was paid to the forecast of primes in double figures from the chairman of Continental Illinois Bank of Chicago. The two top stocks Exchequer 10 per cent 1983 and Exchequer 12 per cent 1999-9002 still overhang the market.

The FT index began falling from the start of business. It rallied feebly at lunchtime when it was 3.9 off but at the close the drop was 5.6 points—or 1 per cent—to 525.2.

Blue chips led the way down with ICI shedding 7p to 397p and Unilever easing 12p to 572p.Beecham only slipped 3p to 730p and BAT fell 3p to 317p while Racal was lowered 10p to 334p despite an Australian contract.

Thomson Organisation fell 12p to 263p after the management's repeated warning of possible suspension of publication at *Times Newspapers* on November 30.

Bank of Scotland reported an unexpected fall in profits, and the shares fell 23p to 280p. The big four clearers eased in consequence with Lloyds shedding 7p to 268p and National Westminster 5p to 278p.

Oil majors were inclined to weaken ahead of the Bingham report, but first impressions of it were that the setbacks in prices had already been seen. BP lost only 4p to 908p on the day and Shell 5p to 575p.

Imminent disclosure of the Price Commission verdict on television rental groups had Thorn 10p off at 378p but losses elsewhere were small to non-existent as in Wigfall.

There were plenty of situations. EMI rose a few pence but closed unchanged at 168p ahead of next month's figures. Some suggest that the share-price fall has gone far enough. The defeat of the scheme for S Pearson to absorb the rest of Pearson Longman had S. Pearson unchanged at 238p but Pearson Longman were 17p down at 223p.

Ahead of today's interim bulletin Rowntree lost 6p to 443p while earlier halftime profits slump at marine paint maker Camrex had the shares a further 6p off at 52p.

The continued wait for a bid saw Burton Group lose another 6p to 163p and Simon Engineering dropped 7p to 285p on six months' profits showing a less than expected increase. Expanded Metal's interim profit fall but cautiously optimistic forecast saw the shares ease 1p to 80p. A profits bound had MFI 5p up at 143p and renewed bid gossip hoisted Morgan Edwards 4p to 66p.

Elsewhere, there was some confident buying of J. Lyons which owed more to expectations that there will be Monopolies Commission ref ence of the merger with All Breweries than the go-ah approved at the shareholde meeting.

Word from the textile sec continues to be a mixture good and bad. Tootal has m it clear that its fortunes year depend in part on impact of the multi-fibre ag ment. There is an impres that the new agreement to tect the home industry is, ting to work with painful si ness. Continental looph apparently abound. The sha are 50½p.

Rio Tinto-Zinc shed 9p 245p ahead of today's inte and profit taking pulled d De Beers 16p to 447p. G tended to go better.

Equity turnover on Sept ber 18 was £84.48m (19,423 gains). Active stocks accord to Exchange Telegraph yes day were ICI, BAT, Shell, Burmah, Unilever, Marks Spencer, J. Lyons, GUS and Euro Ferries.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's
Aurora Hlds (I)	20.7(13.5)	1.6(1.0)	9.16(10.59)	1.48(1.32)	30/11	—(—)
Bodycote (I)	13.8(13.3)	0.85(0.95)	5.2(5.9)	1.45(1.30)	30/11	—(—)
Bank of Scotland (I)	—(—)	13.3(13.9)	—(—)	6.16(5.44)	6/11	—(—)
Bernard Matt (I) (B)	10.5(8.0)	0.99(1.0†)	—(—)	4.5(4.0)	—	—(—)
Copydex (I)	—(—)	0.11(0.08)	—(—)	0.75(0.70)	27/10	—(—)
Cnty & Dist Props (F)	—(—)	1.37(1.57)	—(—)	0.4(0.7)	10/11	0.8(0.7)
Davenport Knitwr (I)	—(—)	0.26(0.28)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Expanded Metal (I)	12.34(12.31)	0.95(1.2)	—(—)	1.7(1.6)	—	—(—)
Energy Services (I)	3.9(3.3)	0.50(0.46)	1.0(0.9)	0.2(0.1)	2/1/79	—(—)
F & C Eurotrust (F)	—(—)	0.152(0.156)	1.14(1.0)	1.0(0.8)	25/10	—(—)
Elec & Gen Invst (A)	—(—)	0.13(0.07)	0.49(0.27)	1.9(2.1)	17/11	—(—)
Garton Eng (I)	6.0(5.9)	0.46(0.50)	—(—)	3.0(2.7)	30/11	—(—)
Bemrose Corp (I)	20.8(19.7)	1.2(1.1)	—(—)	2.1(1.9)	13/10	—(—)
Elder Smith (F) (C)	1.3(1.2)	0.015(0.015)	—(—)	14.0(14.0)	21/11	14.0(14
J. B. Hldgs (I)	10.3(8.9)	0.95(0.92)	4.31(4.46)	0.5(1.0)	5/1/79	—(—)
Jentique (Hldgs) (F)	9.0(8.7)	0.42(0.55)	3.22(3.8)	1.28(—)	5/12	2.2(—)
Law Land (I)	5.0(5.5)	0.23(0.35)	0.43(1.0)	0.50(0.50)	14/11	—(—)
MFI Warehouses (F)	55.3(33.7)	5.3(1.8)	23.6(7.8)	1.2(1.1)	—	2.1(1.9)
Minty (I)	—(—)	0.09(0.04)	—(—)	1.6(1.5)	27/10	—(—)
Ricardo & Co (F)	—(—)	0.94(0.64)	—(—)	1.7(—)	—	2.9(2.6)
Rowan & Boden (I)	4.7(3.8)	0.25(0.20)	2.97(2.33)	0.60(0.55)	23/11	—(—)
G. H. Scholes (F)	10.8(9.0)	2.0(1.8)	29.0(24.0)	14.5(12.5)	15/11	18.5(16

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News divid are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are pre-tax and earnings are net. A quarter. B 28 weeks. C A $ and cents. D Reorganized capital.

Bemrose recovery in first six months

By Tony May

Bemrose Corporation has worked a recovery in the first six months to July 31 after the setback in the second half of last year when losses from the transfer printing for textile side cut profits to £623,000. The group has managed an 8 per cent rise to £1.25m in pre-tax profits, on turnover 6 per cent up at £20.8m. The interim dividend is raised from 2.9p to 3.19p gross.

The news brought a 3p rise in the shares to 80p.

Most of the running came from the main stream activities, flexible packaging, security and confidential printing and calendars, which proved profitable and economically stable.

Academic publishing and fine quality books were satisfactory, but the improvement forecast for the cartons subsidiaries did not materialise. Conditions are expected to improve here over the next 12 months.

Losses continue at the transfer printing companies but the effort to cut costs goes on.

Levels of demand are hard to predict, particularly for textiles, but Mr David Wigglesworth, the group's chief executive says that prospects for the second half are "reasonably good". New plant is coming on stream, but labour costs will be higher. Much will therefore depend on whether volume and prices can be increased sufficiently, and whether margins can be restored on the less profitable activities.

The modernization and expansion proframme continues. In the first half £1.4m was spent on this and on working capital needs, giving a cash outflow of £875,000.

Net bank borrowings increased to £4.4m, as at July 1, but this is "well within" the group's total bank facilities.

Dutch offshoot holds back Bodycote

By Rosemary Unsworth

Production difficulties with the Dutch subsidiary and reduced profit margins at the Denby division cut pre-tax profits at Bodycote International, workwear and industrial safety products manufacturer, by £105,000 to £851,000 in the six months to June 30, 1978.

On a turnover increase of £481,000 to £13.8m, the Manchester-based group found that although consumer demand increased in the second quarter, profits dropped because Far Eastern imports increased substantially.

It is to borrow £750,000 through an unsecured loan to finance a continuous dyeing plant to process cotton and polyesters at its Denby division. "This project has considerable profit potential and will provide Denbys with an entirely new product catchment area," said chairman, Mr Joe Dwek. Repayment will be in 10 equal annual instalments.

Mr Dwek said that the Dutch subsidiary was now "back on target following senior management changes" and he was confident that the group's full-year results would match those of last year when pre-tax profits were £2m.

The group's new subsidiary, Polar Contract Motoring, acquired four months ago, is not included in the half-year results but should make a "useful contribution" to the final results. Mr Dwek stressed that the company does not operate the car leasing schemes under investigation by the Inland Revenue. An 88 per cent increase in the group's depreciation charges to £347,000 is accounted for by the car-company acquisition, he explained.

An interim dividend of 2.16p gross has been declared compared with 1.97p last year. The final dividend is expected to bring the total to 4.5p gross, the maximum permitted under dividend legislation.

Second-half improvement should continue: Jentique

Clock and furniture manufacturer Jentique (Holdings), managed to push second-half profits up to £265,000 from £11158,000, but the group's pre-tax profits fell by 31 per cent to £423,000 for the year to June 30, 1978.

Chairman, Mr Fred Crosland, said the better trading condition enjoyed in the second half have improved in the first weeks of the current year and "endorse the view that the higher profits earned in the half-year to June 30 will be more than maintained in the current half-year."

A final dividend of 1.91p gross, has been proposed making a total of 3.29p, compared with last year's maximum of 0.9p.

The second-half's improved results followed a £300,000 investment in Metamec, the clock manufacturer and light engineer, for research, new product tooling and additional plant and buildings.

Dividend boost at Talbex

The dividend of Talbex, which takes in the Robert Fielding hairdressing chain, is being hoisted from 0.41p gross to 0.82p with Treasury permission. This was promised when the group acquired the cash-rich James Warren group earlier in the year, and confirmed with the recent purchase of A. P. Skelton. This company was the air-conditioning and heating offshoot of Artoc Holdings—which has three directors in common with Talbex and speaks for nearly 24 per cent of the equity.

Mr P. Gymer is appointed group managing director, and Mr P. J. de Savary executive deputy chairman.

Thomson Organization

The scheme to merge the Thomson Organisation with the North Sea petroleum interests of Thomson Scottish Associates has become effective. Stock Exchange listing has been granted for all the common and convertible shares of the new holding company, International Thomson Organisation, issued to the former ordinary shareholders of Thomson. Dealings start today, September 20.

Strong order book at W. E. Norton

The order intake at the W. E. Norton (Holdings) machine tools group is substantially ahead of the comparable period of last year, Mr Walter Norton, the chairman, told the annual meeting. The further improvement stems partly from the fact that British industrialists have now started to respond to the need to invest in new plant. It also reflects the group's strong position in the market place where it claims better delivery dates for both British and imported machine tools than most competitors.

Mr Norton confirmed that the current year would be the most successful ever and said that the group's prospects were most encouraging.

Rothmans plans to hoist payout

Rothmans International's chairman, Mr David Nicolson, expect the results for the first half of 1978 to be in line with last year, when turnover was £853m and pre-tax profits £38m.

Also, the partial relaxation in dividend legislation will permit the board to raise dividends above 10 per cent, providing the dividend cover is not reduced below the highest level of cover since 1972. The company intends to take full advantage of this relaxation when considering the final dividend.

NCR buys in some loan stock

The board of NCR has bought £3.27m nominal of the 8½ per cent guaranteed loan stock 1993-98 in the market at a price of £79.00 per cent, including accrued interest, but before dealing expenses. It will be cancelled. There remains £2.73m nominal of the stock outstanding.

To allow all stockholders the same facility, NCR has agreed to purchase through the market, stock offered at a price £79.00 per cent during period up to and including September 29. This price compared with the middle market quotation for the stock of £68.50 cent.

County & District

A revaluation of the investment portfolio lifts net asset backing at County & District Properties from 108.9p a share to 142.6p per share. Taking into account the surplus on development properties, assets rise to 154.8p per share. Earnings per share for the March 31 year-end were 5.26p, against 2.8p per share, and the board, headed by L. W. Melville, states that "there has ben a continued improvement in the affairs and financial strength of the group which now has available unused lines of long and short-term finance in excess of £4m".

J B Holdings

On the back of a rise in turnover from £8.9m to £10.3m, tax profits of J. B. Holdings construction and mechanical engineering group, went up 53 per cent to £957,000 for the six months to June 30. Earnings a share are 4.31p, against 4.0p, and the dividend is increased from 7.5p to 0.75p gross.

All divisions are trading profitably, and profits for the current year are expected to be "not less than" the record £2.7m achieved last year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BETTING, GAMING & LOTTERIES ACT, 1963

I, JOSEPH FREDERICK JENNINGS, of Park House, Elsenham Road, Stansted, Essex, duly authorized in that behalf by T. H. Jennings (Harlow Pools) Limited whose registered office is situate at 16 Harcourt House, 19 Cavendish Square, London, W1, hereby give notice that in the 30th day of September, 1978, I made application to the Betting Licensing Committee for the Petty Sessional Division of Dacorum for a Betting Office Licence in respect of the premises known as 28B The Queens Square, Adleyfield, Hemel Hempstead, for and on behalf of the said Company, any person who desires to object to such a Betting Office Licence should send to the Clerk of the Betting Licensing Committee at his office at The Court House, Dacorum Way, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, by no later than the 4th day of October, 1978, two copies of a brief statement in writing of the grounds of his objection.

Dated 20th day of September, 1978.

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CHARITY COMMISSION

General Charities

(1) Association of Education Committees, and

(2) Trust property in connection therewith.

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref.: 313127-A1-LI) at 14, Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AB. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

Notice is hereby given that GAMIL MOHAMED SALEH SHERIF of 5, Strathmore Gardens, London, W8 4HZ, is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Nationality Division), Lunar House, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 2BY.

CHARITY COMMISSION

Charity—The Search and Rescue Dog Association (England)

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref.: 264794-A1-LI) at 14, Ryder Street, London, SW1Y 6AB. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002084 of 1978

In the High Court of Justice Chancery Division Group A In the Matter of ALBRIGHT & WILSON, Limited and In the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated the 6th day of September, 1978 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from the former capital of £33,300,000 divided into £3,521,917 Preference Stock, £29,779,474.25 Ordinary Stock and 782,435 Ordinary Shares of 25p each to £15,534,148.75 divided into £15,038,500 Ordinary Stock and 782,435 Ordinary Shares of 25p each and a Minute approved by the Court, showing with respect to the Share Capital of the Company as altered, the several particulars required by the above Act, was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 11th day of September, 1978.

THE MINUTE

"The capital of Albright & Wilson, Limited was by virtue of two Special Resolutions and with the sanction of an Order of the High Court of Justice dated the 6th day of September, 1978, reduced from the former capital of £33,300,000 divided into £3,521,917 Preference Stock, £29,779,474.25 Ordinary Stock and 782,435 Ordinary Shares of 25p each to £15,534,148.75 divided into £15,038,500 Ordinary Stock and 782,435 Ordinary Shares of 25p each.

By virtue of a Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by the said Order and of the said Special Resolutions the capital of the Company at the date of registration of this Minute is £33,600,000 divided into 5,024,117 Preference Shares of £1 each, £15,038,500 Ordinary Stock and 99,746,353 Ordinary Shares of 25p each. None of the said Shares of other class has been issued."

Dated the 18th day of September, 1978.

COWARD CHANCE, Royex House, Aldermanbury Square, London, EC2V 7LD. Solicitors for the Company.

NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICES

Re: BROGUE COUTURE LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation) and the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above named Company are required on or before Friday, 20th October, 1978 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned Ian Peter Phillips, F.C.A. at 76 New Cavendish Street, London, W1M 8AH the Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 12th day of September, 1978.

IAN PETER PHILLIPS, F.C.A., Liquidator. Chartered Accountant.

In the Matter of YHAP TRADING COMPANY Limited.

By Order of the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE dated the 6th day of July, 1978 Mr. J. Hyams of Hyams & Company, 22 South Molton Street, London, W1Y 1DD has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 15th day of September 1978.

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EXP. QUALIFIED COOK, phil. over 30, for small Director's dining room, nr. Green Park. £5,038. Joan Wilkins Appointments, Recruitment Consultants. 856 0115.

FRENCH COUPLE urgently require person to look after horses, in France. See Holidays and Villas.

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YOUNG ENGLISH FAMILY in Abu Dhabi requires help/nanny, aged 20/35, for daughter 9 months. Start end-September. 9 months contract. Own room, no house work, full board, good salary and air fare.—Ring Brennan, Farnham, Surrey, 5918.

MOTHER'S HELP for boy child. Holland Park. Living-in/out. Salary negotiable.—603 6449.

DOMESTIC AND CATERING SITUATIONS

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ASCOT 21445

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td Technologies' merger lks with Carrier Corp

nited Technologies, the American aero-space, ems and manufacturing p, is to open negotiations merging with Carrier Corporation, an American maker r conditioning, heating and geration equipment.

Harry J. Gray chairman president of United Technologies, said that an alternative to a direct merger would or United to acquire 49 per of Carrier, worth about m. After that, United d absorb the rest of Carrier ugh a merger.

nited, whose shares resumed trading on the New York Exchange yesterday after suspended the day e, has assets of $3.12bn had earnings in 1977 of m on sales of $5.55bn. ier's sales last year were bn with earnings of m.

nited's merger scheme, the pany claims, would result tax-free gains for shareholders. If a negotiated er can be reached soon, ed will abandon its cash . In June this year, ed had cash and short-term stments worth $485.8m in alance sheet.

-spill lawsuit

w York.—Another multi-on-dollar lawsuit has been resulting from the massive oil following the grounding he tanker Amoco Cadiz last ch off the French coast. suit, filed in Manhattan eral Court on behalf of e than 80 French coastal nicipalities, several labour trade associations and two ch environmental groups, s more than $400m damages.

efendants are Standard Oil liana), two of its subsidiaries and its director of national marine operations

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—plus two affiliates of the Royal Dutch Shell Group. The Amoco Cadiz was owned by an Indiana Standard unit, but was chartered by a Royal Dutch/Shell affiliate.

CSR copper areas

Sydney.—Nissho-Iwai Co and Sumitomo Metal Mining will earn a combined 40 per cent stake in CSR Ltd's copper areas around Mt Gunson, South Australia, by funding an exploration programme over three years, a CSR spokesman said. He was commenting on Nissho-Iwai's announcement in Tokyo that the two Japanese firms will spend $A1.4m on the programme.

French BP

Paris.—Ste Francaise des Petroles BP is to make a three-for-four share issue at par to increase its capital by 290m francs. If necessary, the majority shareholder, British Petroleum, will take up shares to complete the capital increase.—Reuter.

Options

Business on the traded options pitch dropped yesterday as the main market went bargains ,the total fell to 832 with ICI again leading the way with 234 deals done. There was little interest in RTZ ahead of today's profits news. Only 31 bargains were arranged. The traditional options market was also more subdued.

Demand prompts B Matthews to forecast higher year's profit

A slight fall in interim profits has not deterred Bernard Matthews, the Norfolk turkey group, from predicting a full-year total above 1977's £2.6m pre-tax.

In the six months to July 16 sales jumped 30 per cent to £10.5m, but profits eased to £994,000 from the £1.01m recorded in the same period of last year.

The group's second-half confidence is based on strengthening demand, particularly for processed products like turkey joints as prices for fowl become ever more competitive with red meat prices.

Having held processed prices at the same levels since September, 1977, the group raised prices by around 10 per cent earlier this month. Processed white meat now accounts for over 10 per cent of Matthews' total output and the group says that prospects for further expansion, particularly in Europe, remainpromising.

After maintaining an unbroken track record since 1974, when a surplus of red meat caused the group to slide into loss, Matthews has made strong moves to expand into the European market. Overseas sales now account for 15 per cent of the total.

The interim dividend goes up from 6.06p gross to 6.7p and there is a special of 0.1p for 1977

Mr Bernard Matthews, chairman, and Mrs Matthews have waived their rights to the dividend in respect of 1.8 million shares.

After the takeover of J. B. Eastwood by Imperial, Matthews is virtually the last publicly-quoted poultry producer to remain its independence.



Mr B. Matthews, chairman of Bernard Matthews.

Garton hold fall to 7 pc

By Tony May

With no improvement in orders since the end of last year, profits were bound to slip at Garton Engineering, but the slide has been held to 7 per cent, for a pre-tax profit of £467,000 over the six months to June 30. Turnover edged up from £5.9m to £6m.

Mr A. B. Garton, the chairman, who warned the annual meeting last April of a possible downturn, says that conditions in the bolt manufacturing industry have been difficult, as a result of excess capacity in the industry, made worse by increasing competition from imports.

The rest of the manufacturing units, which produce fastenings, have partly offset the decline on the bolts side, but the board is keeping a careful eye on the whole position.

The second half of the year has brought much the same trading conditions as the first, and as yet there are no real signs of recovery in the group's traditional markets. The board is, however, looking at ways to expand its market.

The directors plan to pay a maximum dividend for the full year, of about 9.5p gross, against 8.6p, and the interim is raised from 4.09p to 4.47p on account. There is also to be an extra payment of 0.06p gross to adjust for the change in the rate of tax.

Dollar hits Energy Services

Energy Services & Electronics, electric and electronic component manufacturer, suffered from dollar fluctuations during the first half year which affected trading margins, producing a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax proits to £506,000 on an 18 per cent increase in turnover to £3.9m.

But chairman, Mr Robin Rigby, believes that the second half should show some improvement over the six months to June 30, 1978. "I am hopeful there will be another 10 per cent increase", he states. An interim dividend of 0.29p gross has been declared—double that of last year. But Mr Rigby says the total would not necessarily show the same increase.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

to the Holders of

The Metropolis of Tokyo

5¾% Guaranteed Dollar Bonds Due April 15, 1979

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that One Million Seventy Thousand Dollars ($1,070,000.00) principal amount of the Metropolis of Tokyo, Fifteen Year 5¾% Guaranteed Dollar Bonds due April 15, 1979 and bearing the following serial numbers have been drawn for the account of the Sinking Fund for redemption on October 15, 1978.

COUPON BONDS

2	1413	3424	4680	6458	8162	10341	12008	14310	15548	16838	18042	18930	20880	22102
8	1420	3497	4683	6483	8171	10344	12022	14330	15557	16872	18048	18935	20696	22106
17	1422	3512	4721	6486	8178	10348	12584	14338	15561	16891	18073	18953	20712	22110
29	1449	3521	4730	6494	8183	10384	12638	14347	15565	16915	18076	19007	20715	22127
72	1472	3528	4735	6500	8195	10399	12648	14385	15594	16932	18080	19030	20726	22140
78	1426	3535	4832	6524	8234	10453	12683	14389	15600	16937	18102	19046	20739	22171
89	1500	3542	4822	6539	8279	10456	12765	14408	15607	16946	18131	19067	20741	22201
103	1674	3550	4825	6546	8292	10526	12768	14412	15611	17043	18135	19074	20755	22207
119	1681	3571	4842	6578	8295	10532	12771	14414	15616	17059	18164	19097	20765	22211
166	1703	3573	4850	6638	8677	10563	12777	14454	15620	17063	18170	19104	20782	22215
183	1711	3580	4852	6665	8684	10567	12785	14511	15651	17081	18177	19128	20796	22222
192	1723	3581	4855	6677	8708	10576	12787	14521	15658	17096	18198	19149	20821	22225
197	1743	3582	4865	6682	8711	10614	12791	14535	15665	17104	18373	19141	20844	22243
261	1754	3587	4867	6693	8824	10633	12800	14585	15731	17134	18404	19145	20865	22246
283	1762	3600	4872	6697	8830	10646	12807	14587	15775	17140	18412	19151	20932	22248
321	1770	3636	4875	6704	8846	10717	12811	14592	15815	17180	18428	19165	20935	22251
362	1773	3695	4881	6712	8892	10720	12815	14595	16011	17218	18431	19173	20940	22257
366	1785	3770	4933	6735	8908	10761	12822	14601	16048	17232	18434	19194	20964	22261
372	1811	3780	4955	6820	9271	10811	12825	14605	16075	17245	18442	19197	21016	22270
390	1843	3783	4987	6830	9284	10840	12832	14661	16126	17256	18444	19211	21205	22274
392	1850	3800	5001	6833	9327	10950	12835	14700	16142	17277	18450	19255	21213	22277
400	1890	3802	5017	6836	9360	10954	12838	14713	16171	17294	18453	19285	21223	22280
408	1912	3820	5020	6842	9375	10958	12842	14716	16201	17324	18476	19332	21232	22283
448	1979	3822	5081	6847	9381	10967	12861	14726	16208	17335	18487	19343	21247	22289
478	1982	3841	5163	6851	9431	10975	12865	14732	16226	17372	18493	19353	21257	22296
498	2030	3897	5168	6888	9450	10985	12878	14733	16242	17378	18495	19361	21271	22300
500	2063	3922	5170	6978	9461	10988	12888	14761	16250	17397	18497	19387	21301	22302
502	2071	3965	5194	6992	9473	10995	12911	14789	16258	17404	18502	19396	21307	22306
503	2075	3971	5207	7036	9545	10997	12927	14806	16301	17414	18505	19495	21314	22310
510	2096	3975	5218	7062	9550	11000	12931	14823	16307	17422	18520	19504	21332	22315
519	2121	4073	5230	7109	9584	11003	12940	14838	16324	17428	18539	19541	21342	22318
524	2125	4097	5242	7115	9601	11005	12945	14850	16327	17430	18542	19599	21354	22327
543	2134	4147	5253	7153	9680	11007	12951	14852	16331	17434	18629	19652	21407	22344
545	2145	4156	5270	7217	9643	11012	12964	14858	16375	17436	18635	19661	21420	22354
579	2153	4163	5288	7262	9704	11035	12971	14884	16394	17439	18640	19665	21426	22357
584	2160	4168	5320	7271	9712	11064	12975	14908	16400	17454	18645	19686	21438	22360
647	2164	4177	5373	7284	9733	11081	12976	14911	16402	17458	18653	19704	21445	22361
669	2171	4182	5381	7402	9788	11085	12979	14919	16405	17471	18656	19708	21577	22363
673	2186	4187	5395	7470	9794	11087	12984	14923	16410	17498	18662	19713	21590	22365
676	2194	4189	5397	7476	9800	11161	12991	14940	16431	17530	18667	19966	21611	22366
678	2204	4198	5406	7483	9808	11166	12995	14955	16436	17532	18688	19970	21703	22368
683	2216	4206	5421	7485	9812	11170	13000	14958	16438	17551	18687	19976	21733	22416
688	2245	4219	5430	7502	9836	11181	13403	14961	16441	17560	18692	19986	21738	22419
761	2330	4221	5439	7537	9838	11188	13416	15003	16445	17563	18704	19998	21763	22420
798	2338	4224	5441	7552	9849	11191	13420	15007	16450	17565	18722	20005	21768	22421
806	2421	4238	5449	7569	9854	11193	13425	15011	16453	17573	18724	20014	21771	22423
810	2428	4256	5453	7597	9357	11237	13560	15075	16455	17577	18732	20020	21772	22425
828	2437	4320	5463	7642	9878	11250	13607	15147	16461	17585	18736	20035	21785	22426
833	2515	4323	5581	7650	9884	11251	13656	15155	16473	17604	18740	20041	21788	22428
903	2526	4326	5643	7655	9890	11259	13705	15159	16484	17645	18745	20053	21790	22431
934	2575	4334	5694	7683	9895	11374	13710	15175	16497	17700	18747	20101	21793	22433
1027	2595	4345	5733	7751	9919	11408	13730	15180	16500	17792	18752	20119	21796	22434
1043	2645	4356	5740	7796	9921	11462	13731	15229	16505	17802	18758	20140	21808	22436
1048	2673	4366	5765	7823	9985	11470	13754	15255	16512	17827	18794	20161	21812	22441
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1361	3324	4594	6403	8071	10303	11949	14251	15470	16787	18005	18894	20441	21960	
1367	3343	4653	6405	8105	10306	11952	14254	15501	16795	18018	18897	20524	21992	
1399	3345	4661	6412	8107	10310	11955	14280	15512	16803	18023	18900	20580	22088	
1400	3361	4663	6417	8113	10312	11961	14284	15520	16807	18029	18910	20648	22091	
1408	3412	4670	6420	8133	10333	11987	14297	15539	16831	18035	18917	20650	22100	

The Bonds called for redemption will become due and payable on October 15, 1978 at the full principal amount. The holders of the above Bonds should present and surrender them on October 15, 1978 with the April 15, 1979 and subsequent coupons attached at The Bank of Tokyo Trust Company, 100 Broadway, New York, New York 10005 or at the offices of The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd. in London, Paris, and Dusseldorf or at the office of Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, Boulevard Royale 2, Luxembourg, Luxembourg. Coupons payable on October 15, 1978 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption will cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, to wit, October 15, 1978.

THE BANK OF TOKYO TRUST COMPANY
as Fiscal Agent

Dated: September 13, 1978

NOTICE

The following coupon Bonds previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment.

104	1226	1768	2011	3843	5313	6890	9269	10295	10989	13784	15234	16207	18323	21273
667	1227	1771	2821	4068	5464	7093	9273	10337	11001	13785	15236	16663	18325	21277
672	1238	1772	2340	4069	5640	7108	9448	10351	11163	13786	15365	16947	18499	22025
690	1244	1774	2844	4070	5641	7548	9801	10364	11236	13788	15423	17230	18957	22101
801	1314	1776	2903	4203	5701	7566	9966	10391	11805	14275	15433	17246	19050	22106
809	1436	1782	3045	4385	5731	7878	9968	10403	11807	14355	15440	17328	19059	22107
1005	1438	1845	3053	4486	6408	8018	10196	10420	11809	14358	16555	17330	19604	22373
1046	1486	1945	3354	4868	6627	8039	10197	10421	11948	14455	15558	17497	20578	22379
1066	1684	1947	3578	4915	6788	8866	10205	10437	11953	15152	15560	17574	21258	22451
1093	1685	1950	3596	4943	6797	8899	10225	10455	11988	15156	15562	17904	21260	
1218	1687	1995	3601	5030	6814	9257	10287	10566	11998	15280	15940	17925	21265	
1220	1714	1997	3702	5160	6819	9267	10298	10569	13747	15283	16200	18111	21270	

FC backs menswear ps expansion

e Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation C) have provided £150,000 Ray Alan (Manshops) to und the chain of retail ts.

y Alan sells men's fashion ing in a chain of 46 shops ughout Yorkshire and the h East. The expansion ramme will entail 16 new s in Lancashire and a new house and office unit. Ray have shown a 350 per sales increase in the five s to 1977. Joint managing ctors, Messrs Ray and Alan is, are confident that the expansion programme will to further substantial th—and into Scotland in the next two years.

TON (HOLDINGS)

ird states that as practice ertain directors of waiving end to benefit of company nued until payment of the m dividend in respect of rear ended March 31, 1975. ee status under provisions ustee Investments Act, 1961, not be achieved before ry, 1981.

AN ALUMINIUM (UK)

an Aluminium (UK) has red an interim dividend of per ordinary share, payable ctober 10.

ENPORT KNITWEAR

e-tax profits for half-year to 30 slipped from £280,000 to ,000.

Briefly

MINTY LTD

Pre-tax profits for 26 weeks to July 29 more than doubled to £94,000, against £44,000. Interim payment, gross, raised from 2.27p to 2.45p.

YEARLING BONDS

Coupon this week is down from 10½ per cent to 10 per cent. Birmingham raising £1.5m, Kingston upon Hull, and Wycombe £1m apiece, while Thames Valley Police Authority has a variable-rate bond for £1.25m.

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, leading Canadian bank with assets in excess of $C35,000m (about £15,200m) has arranged long-term lease of 55 Bishopsgate. Mr D. J. Griffiths, vice president states move forms part of the continuing planned growth in the bank's international operations envisaged when headquarters for activities in Europe, Africa and Middle East were established in London in 1973.

THOMSON AND McKINNON

Thomson and McKinnon International announces that it is forming a new commodities company in London, Thomson McKinnon Commodities International. Company will be member of all principal commodity futures markets in London and is expected to begin trading early next month.

F. & C. EUROTRUST

Pre-tax profit for year to June 30, £152,500 (£156,700). Total gross dividend, 1.49p (1.28p).

GENERAL CABLE—BICC

Greenwich, Conn. — General Cable's shareholders have approved the proposed purchase of 2.8m of its shares, or 20.1 per cent from BICC for about $53m, or $18.50 a share.—Reuter.

NORWEST HOLST

Company's proposed purchase of 97/121 Vicar Lane, Leeds for £1.65m from Trinette, a company in which two directors of Norwest Holst, Messrs A. J. Lilley and R. Slater, are interested, was approved unanimously at the extraordinary general meeting.

McNEILL GROUP

Chairman states in his annual report that, if current trends continue, 1978's results should show a "material improvement" over the previous year.

ELECTRIC & GEN

Gross income of Electric and General Investment Co rose from £166,000 to £212,000 for three months to August 31.

ELDER SMITH

Turnover (including agency sales) of Elder Smith Goldsbrough Mort for the year to June 30 rose from $A1,208.05m to $A1,393.64m. Pre-tax profits, $A15.77m ($A15.13m). Total dividend held at 14 cents.

ROWAN & BODEN

Turnover (excluding VAT) for six months to June 30 up from £3.8m to £4.78m. Pre-tax profits rose from £202,000 to £251,000. Board expects full year's results will continue to show an improving position. Interim payment, gross, 0.89p (0.83p).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 8 1982	97⅞	98⅜
Austria 8¾ 1990	99⅞	100⅛
Avco 9¼ 1985	100	100½
Barclays 8¼ 1992	96	96½
Beatrice 7¾ 1983	97	97½
Canadair 8½ 1983	97¾	98¼
Canada Nat Railways 8¾ 1986	96⅛	96⅝
CECA 9 1995	100	100½
Charbonnage de France 8⅝ 1981	98⅞	99
Citicorp 6¾ 1980	95¾	96¼
Citicorp 7 1981	94⅞	95⅝
DFC New Zealand 8¼ 1985	96⅞	97⅛
DFC New Zealand 8¾ 1985	96½	97
Dow Chemical 8 1986	95⅜	95⅞
EEC 7½ 1979	98¼	98¾
EEC 8¼ 1982	98⅜	98⅞
EIB 8 1984	96⅜	96⅞
EIB 9¼ 1993	99¼	99¾
Elf-Aquitaine 8¼ 1985	95¾	96¼
Eurofima 8½ 1988	96¾	97¼
IC Industries 9 1985	99⅝	100⅛
ITEL 9¾ 1988	99½	100
IU 8¾ 1987	95¾	96¼
MacMillan Bloedel 9¼ 1995	98⅜	98⅞
Midland Bank 8¾ 1992	97¼	97¾
NCB 8 1987	94¼	94¾
National Westminster 9 1986	103	102½
New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986	100⅛	100⅝
Newfoundland 9¼ 1990	100½	101
Nordic Invest Bank 8¾ 1988	97¾	98¼
Norsk Hydro 7⅞ 1983	96¼	96¾
Norway 7⅞ 1983	92⅞	95⅞
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	96⅛	96⅝
Occidental 8¼ 1983	97⅜	97⅞
J. C. Penney 8¼ 1983	98¼	98¾
Quebec Hydro 9½ 1995	100¼	100¾
Renault 8¾ 1981	98⅝	99⅛
R. J. Reynolds 7½ 1982	96⅞	97⅜
Shell 8¼ 1990	95½	96
Tauernautobahn 8¼ 1987	97½	98
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9½ 1982	97	97½
Ford 8¼ 1984	96⅞	96⅜
General Motors 9⅝ 1988	98⅜	98⅞
Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992	98⅜	99⅛
Union Carbide 9¾ 1986	99	99½

FLOATING RATE NOTES	Bid	Offer
Chase Manhattan 9 15/16 1993	97⅞	98⅜
Intl Westminster 8 1984	99¼	99¾
Midland 9 7/16 1993	98⅝	99⅛
Offshore Mining 9 7/16 1986	98¾	99¼
Williams & Glyn 9⅝ 1984	99½	100
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	82	83½
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1992	129½	130½
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	101	102½
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1992	118	119½
Beecham 6¾ 1992	118½	119½
Boots 6⅝ 1993	102½	103½
Borden 5 1992	97	98½
Broadway Hale 4⅞ 1987	74½	74
Carnation 5 1988	77½	79
Dart 4¾ 1987	84	85½
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	88	89½
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	80	81½
Firestone 5 1988	76½	78
Ford 5 1988	84	85½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	86½	88
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78
Gulf & Western 5 1988	88	89½
Harris 5 1992	350	352
Honeywell 6 1986	86	87½
ICI 6¾ 1992	107¼	108½
INA 6 1997	99	100
Inchape 6¾ 1992	114	115½
ITT 4⅞ 1987	78½	80
Jusco 6 1992	143	145
Komatsu 7½ 1990	141½	142½
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	154½	156½
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	105½	108
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	118	119½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	76½	78
Revlon 4¾ 1987	133	135½
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	87½	89
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987	97½	99
Squibb 4¼ 1987	82½	84
Texaco 4½ 1988	77	78½
Texas Int Airlines 7½ '93	100½	101½
Toshiba 6¼ 1992	162	165½
Tyco 8½ 1988	104½	106
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	88½	90
Warner Lambert 4½ '87	81½	83
Warner Lambert 4¼ '88	76½	78
Xerox 5 1988	77	78½

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar finished generally easier after a fairly quiet day on foreign exchanges yesterday.

Sterling closed at $1.9625, a net rise of 30 points on the day. The effective exchange rate index edged up to 62.9p

Against the dollar German marks edged up from 1.9750 to 1.9745, while Swiss francs climbed from 1.5785 to 1.5700. French francs weakened from 4.3775 to 4.3925. The Japanese yen strengthened from 190.65 to 190.20.

Gold gained 11.75 an ounce to close in London at $212.875.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 19	Market rates (close) September 19
New York	$1.9545-9658	$1.9620-9630
Montreal	$2.2850-3005	$2.2955-2965
Amsterdam	4.19½-23fl	4.20½-21½fl
Brussels	60.90-61.15f	60.95-61.05f
Copenhagen	10.61½-67½k	10.61¾-62¾k
Frankfurt	3.86-89m	3.87¼-88¼m
Lisbon	88.75-89.75e	89.20-70e
Madrid	144.95-146.25p	144.95-145.05p
Milan	1,626-32lr	1,630-31lr
Oslo	10.22½-29½k	10.23-24k
Paris	8.56½-63f	8.61½-62½f
Stockholm	8.66½-69k	8.67½-68½k
Tokyo	370-79y	373-75y
Vienna	27.80-28.10sch	28.00-05sch
Zurich	3.07½-11f	3.07½-8½f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was 62.9, up 0.1 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.62-.52c prem	1.45-1.35c prem
Montreal	.70-.60c prem	1.60-1.50c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	6½-5½c prem
Brussels	30-20c prem	75-65c prem
Copenhagen	1-3ore disc	2¼-4¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	7¼-6¼pf prem
Lisbon	50-150c disc	200-450c disc
Madrid	50-150c disc	150-250c disc
Milan	1lr prem-1lr disc	5-7lr disc
Oslo	2½-½ore prem	4½-2½ore prem
Paris	3½-2½c prem	7½-6½c prem
Stockholm	4-2ore prem	9-7ore prem
Vienna	17-7gro prem	40-30gro prem
Zurich	3½-2½c prem	8½-8½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.8544-47.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls 5¼-5½; seven days, 8¼-8½; one month, 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆; three months, 8-8¼; six months, 9-9⅛.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $211.70 (an ounce); pm, $211.45

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $218-220 (£111-112); resident, $219-221 (£111½-112½).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $58¼-60¼ (£29¾-30¾), resident, $60¼-62¼ (£31-32).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Audiotronic 12% Cum Pfd (10)	14
Bramall C D 25p Ord (75)	92-1
Camden 12½% Red 1985 (£100d)	£61¼
Carliers Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	85-1
Dufay 10½% Cnv	9½ prem
Fach 12% 1999-02 (£98a)	£98
Hunting Petroleum Ser 25p Ord (95)	90-1
Jones (Ernest) 10p Ord (115)	263-1
Thames Plywood 25p Ord (34)	38

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
B T R (286)	Oct 27	43 prem-4
Barlow Rand (R900)	Oct 13	28 prem
Brit Print (44)	Nov 10	11 prem-½
Chubb (118)	Nov 11	23 prem-1
C F Des Petroles (f110)		20 prem
Dorada (85)	Oct 13	13½-1
Hill and Smith (73)	Oct 13	5 prem-1
Howden Gp (68)		19 prem-2
Initial Services (74)	Oct 27	10½ prem+½
Ldn and Midland (85)		18 prem-3
Ratners (40)	Oct 27	38 prem-1
Reliance Knit (42)		4 prem-½
Ricardo Eng (200)	Nov 8	113 prem
Wearwell (25)	Nov 6	14 prem-1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £55 paid.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

to the Holders of

The Japan Development Bank

Fifteen Year 5¾% Guaranteed External Loan Bonds Due October 15, 1979

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Seven Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars ($745,000.) principal amount of The Japan Development Bank, Fifteen Year 5¾% Guaranteed External Loan Bonds due October 15, 1979 and bearing the following serial numbers have been drawn for account of the Sinking Fund for redemption on October 15, 1978.

COUPON BONDS

25	977	1554	1812	3030	4122	5085	5951	6470	7281	8221	9954	10808	12620	14278
28	985	1557	1815	3054	4125	5046	5957	6474	7367	8287	9961	10817	12631	14390
30	992	1561	1820	3057	4128	5105	5960	6481	7374	8290	9965	10917	12662	14548
33	995	1569	1827	3070	4131	5221	5967	6490	7378	8294	9985	10925	12670	14641
37	1000	1574	1832	3074	4138	5262	5985	6500	7386	8300	10807	10956	12680	14653
50	1007	1575	1837	3097	4177	5324	5993	6507	7393	8305	10044	10975	12764	14730
103	1011	1588	1840	3102	4221	5338	5997	6600	7410	8318	10052	10977	12767	14746
128	1017	1592	1845	3105	4294	5364	6000	6634	7418	8392	10056	11008	12773	14757
125	1023	1608	1848	3111	4414	5371	6011	6660	7423	8395	10155	11015	12780	14763
128	1030	1621	1856	3114	4420	5384	6018	6714	7439	8402	10188	11274	12876	14778
138	1041	1625	1860	3118	4424	5368	6022	6731	7458	8407	10200	11357	12898	14793
145	1060	1630	1862	3121	4441	5393	6033	6765	7645	8437	10208	11408	12902	14809
170	1066	1636	1865	3125	4466	5397	6047	6767	7671	8459	10214	11423	12904	14845
190	1070	1637	1874	3133	4470	5399	6068	6786	7705	8461	10228	11428	12915	14857
193	1082	1642	1881	3136	4475	5405	6074	6876	7742	8648	10233	11450	12951	14875
216	1085	1645	1905	3141	4483	5410	6077	6957	7748	8670	10237	11461	12984	14895
217	1095	1651	1933	3147	4516	5412	6085	6961	7757	8745	10296	11485	13004	14925
222	1097	1656	1964	3155	4520	5417	6091	6985	7771	8752	10300	11530	13051	14933
225	1101	1660	1985	3161	4527	5421	6112	6973	7796	8760	10308	11635	13456	14942
232	1105	1662	2024	3166	4544	5425	6124	7012	7821	8770	10315	11654	13460	14951
234	1109	1665	2087	3172	4549	5428	6147	7023	7831	8775	10324	11717	13537	14958
237	1114	1668	2099	3205	4578	5436	6182	7025	7855	8783	10353	11722	13541	14966
425	1122	1673	2110	3208	4583	5442	6317	7030	7863	8944	10362	11731	13562	15000
456	1125	1677	2137	3216	4611	5448	6320	7037	7891	9002	10372	11785	13563	15024
711	1130	1680	2134	3247	4624	5455	6324	7092	7898	9009	10420	11792	13602	15033
717	1132	1683	2211	3286	4630	5479	6331	7094	7900	9050	10438	11811	13613	15093
720	1141	1636	2360	3295	4638	5515	6335	7097	7904	9093	10454	11821	13633	15099
725	1147	1690	2373	3356	4644	5582	6340	7099	7911	9131	10480	11824	13638	15101
728	1152	1694	2392	3409	4648	5586	6343	7104	7918	9198	10467	11882	13653	15104
732	1155	1697	2418	3439	4654	5596	6347	7106	7922	9231	10474	11954	13658	15110
747	1162	1702	2490	3461	4662	5684	6356	7108	7925	9278	10490	11991	13704	15120
804	1170	1704	2515	3483	4700	5706	6361	7110	7966	9355	10500	12072	13734	15122
824	1175	1710	2621	3508	4758	5713	6363	7114	7981	9361	10508	12082	13753	15136
875	1177	1716	2627	3546	4767	5721	6367	7120	8045	9366	10515	12093	13760	15142
897	1180	1718	2633	3563	4773	5757	6372	7124	8048	9375	10526	12115	13779	15154
906	1186	1720	2644	3574	4779	5760	6381	7130	8050	9381	10562	12118	13790	15170
913	1193	1722	2653	3685	4788	5782	6387	7132	8054	9390	10573	12129	13806	15176
917	1195	1725	2657	3794	4792	5785	6393	7137	8062	9666	10582	12144	13810	15219
920	1200	1730	2668	3808	4800	5776	6404	7140	8067	9671	10586	12161	13815	15232
922	1214	1733	2678	3831	4804	5781	6407	7142	8105	9742	10591	12192	13851	15340
924	1218	1735	2690	3844	4812	5823	6420	7146	8116	9847	10600	12223	13863	15348
928	1220	1743	2695	3852	4820	5840	6427	7153	8120	9850	10616	12262	13867	15361
934	1230	1746	2701	3858	4850	5852	6430	7157	8124	9862	10626	12267	13872	15395
938	1317	1750	2831	3868	4853	5855	6435	7167	8128	9866	10635	12310	13903	15453
944	1528	1780	2850	3878	4897	5870	6441	7172	8131	9876	10642	12362	13920	15458
947	1536	1782	2966	4047	4902	5881	6450	7177	8138	9917	10653	12420	13926	
953	1540	1787	2992	4075	4907	5892	6453	7186	8152	9928	10684	12531	13931	
957	1542	1794	3001	4100	5009	5898	6455	7212	8160	9933	10693	12561	14067	
965	1547	1797	3017	4105	5016	5917	6462	7217	8163	9940	10741	12580	14114	
970	1551	1800	3024	4112	5020	5934	6467	7253	8167	9949	10801	12590	14185	

The Bonds called for redemption will become due and payable on October 15, 1978 at the full principal amount. The holders of the above Bonds should present and surrender them for redemption on October 15, 1978 with the April 15, 1979 and subsequent coupons attached at The Bank of Tokyo Trust Company, 100 Broadway, New York, New York 10005 or at the offices of The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd. in London, Paris, and Dusseldorf, or at the office of the Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, Boulevard Royale 2, Luxembourg, Luxembourg. Coupons payable on October 15, 1978 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption will cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, to wit, October 15, 1978.

THE BANK OF TOKYO TRUST COMPANY
as Fiscal Agent

Dated: September 13, 1978

NOTICE

The following coupon Bonds previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment.

1524	4051	5777	6764	7377	8394	8780	9660	13174	14902	16946	17950	18209	19428
2032	5104	5780	6772	7331	8404	9085	10053	13745	15096	17144	17984	18461	19431
5317	5141	5974	6788	7745	8671	9086	11778	13795	15599	17298	18138	18965	19954
3519	5500	6042	6789	7982	8711	9145	12671	13607	16216	17817	18204	18986	
3650	5772	6757	7372	8148	8751	9277	12682	14262	16494	17944	18206	19427	

NOTICE OF ISSUE ABRIDGED PARTICULARS

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the undermentioned Preference Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

The Bristol Waterworks Company

(Incorporated in England on the 16th July, 1846, by the Bristol Waterworks Act, 1846.)

OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER OF £5,000,000

7 per cent. Redeemable Preference Stock, 1983

(which will mature for redemption at par on 30th November, 1983)

Minimum Price of Issue £97·50 per £100 Stock

Yielding at this price, together with the associated tax credit at the current rate, £10·71 per cent.

This Stock is an investment authorised by Section 1 of the Trustee Investments Act, 1961, and by paragraph 10 of Part II of the First Schedule thereto. Under that paragraph the required rate of dividend on the Ordinary Capital of the Company was 4 per cent. but, by the Trustee Investments (Water Companies) Order 1973, such rate was reduced to 2·5 per cent. in relation to dividends paid during any year after 1972.

The preferential dividends on this Stock will be at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum. The associated tax credit at the present rate of Advance Corporation Tax (33/67ths of the distribution) is equal to a rate of 3 30/67ths per cent. per annum.

A deposit of £10 per £100 nominal amount of Stock applied for must accompany each Tender which must be received at National Westminster Bank Limited, New Issues Department, P.O. Box No. 79, Drapers Gardens, 12, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2P 2BD, in a sealed envelope marked "Tender for Bristol Waterworks Company Stock" not later than 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 26th September, 1978, being the time of the opening of the subscription lists, and before which no allotment will be made. The balance of the purchase money must be paid on or before 4th December, 1978.

STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated by a Special Act of Parliament in 1846 and under that Act and subsequent Acts and Orders obtained powers for supplying water in an area of approximately 2,400 square kilometres comprising the major part of the County of Avon (including the City of Bristol) and parts of Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

The population in the area now served by the Company is about 977,000. The daily consumption of water supplied by the Company for domestic, industrial and public use currently averages about 290 thousand cubic metres. The length of mains operated by the Company is some 5,700 kilometres.

The net proceeds of the present issue will be used to redeem maturing Preference Stocks, to repay mortgages and short term borrowings, and the balance to fund the continuing programme of necessary capital works. Further funding will be required in due course.

Copies of the Prospectus, on the terms of which alone Tenders will be considered, and Forms of Tender may be obtained from:—

Seymour, Pierce & Co.,
10, Old Jewry, London EC2R 8EA.
Hoare Govett Limited
1, King Street, London EC2V 8DU.
National Westminster Bank Limited,
New Issues Department,
P.O. Box No. 79, Drapers Gardens, 12, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2P 2BD.
National Westminster Bank Limited,
31, Corn Street, Bristol BS99 7PZ.
or from the Principal office of the Company at Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 7AU.

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CRAFTS GALLERY

RECEPTIONIST/TYPIST

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Applicants should be well groomed, have a pleasant manner and be able to type at 50 wpm tc.

The starting salary will be £3000 per annum. Hours are 9.15am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday. There are four weeks holiday, and a free pension scheme.

Telephone Pat Kemp on 01 930 8081 ext 365 (after 9.30 am) or write to Design Council, 28 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4SU (nearest underground station, Piccadilly Circus)

Crafts Advisory Committee

SECRETARIAL

SENIOR SECRETARY, W.1. for partner. No figure typing. Varied work. To £3,900 a.e. Belle Staff Agency, 589 0751.

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WELL-KNOWN film producer requires trained, intelligent Secretary. Good typing essential. Busy, modern Soho office.—Ring Corinne Cartier, 734 1888. No agencies.

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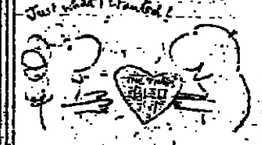
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The Times Share Indices for 19.09.78 base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959:—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	228.81	6.17	17.40	229.18
Largest Coys.	230.11	5.96	10.90	232.07
Smaller Coys.	216.18	6.87	18.02	217.37
Capital Goods	278.31	6.43	13.7	280.15
Consumer Goods	233.39	6.39	10.9	235.59
Store Shares	196.34	6.20	8.04	200.64
Largest financial shares	232.86	5.84	—	235.44
Largest financial and industrial shares	230.63	5.95	—	233.44
Commodity shares	299.23	4.83	12.31	306.42
Gold Mining shares	350.49	6.30	15.18	362.28
Industrial debenture stocks	94.27	6.35*	—	94.27
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All-time	232.06 (14.09.78)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1978	232.06 (14.09.78)	184.25 (02.03.78)
1977	222.98 (14.09.77)	151.22 (13.01.77)
1976	171.55 (05.05.76)	115.53 (27.10.76)
1975	156.92 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	158.18 (23.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
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Broadcasting Guide

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PERSONAL CHOICE



...eath and Ronald Hines find a message attached to ...n Shadows (ITV, 4.45).

...their arms though I have. the BBC adamantly (and ...ction, quite rightly) refuse to tell me the names of the ...racters from earlier days of the series who will briefly ...r in tonight's final instalment of Z Cars (BBC 1, 8.00). ...of information that slipped through, however, is that ...d Johns will not be one of them. I don't know whether ...entimental gesture or not, but tonight's farewell episode ...ted, and has been written, by the two men who directed ...ote the first Z Cars in January 1962—respectively ...cGrath and Troy Kennedy Martin.

...last night's ITV documentary about the Lucas workers' ...fight a redundancy threat by switching production to ...valuable projects, comes a full-scale studio discussion ...The panel consists of James Blyth, general manager of ...Aerospace, Gerald Kaufman, Minister of ...epartment of Industry, and Clive Jenkins, ASTMS secretary. Needling questions can be expected from the ...cause the three Midlands MPs in the audience include ...rless left-winger Audrey Wise.

...y how, with autumnal hues practically everywhere else, ...tember schedules on TV have the colours of spring about ...he Money Programme (BBC 2, 8.25) is now on Wednesday ...of Friday, has a more "magaziney" format, has Peter ...and Moyra Bremner as presenters instead of James ...and Hugh Stephenson, brings in economist Paul Barry ...ter and has two brand-new items, City File and ...om Report. Tonight's edition looks at the ...-Chrysler deal, viewed from France.

...4, at 8.00 pm, is "From little acorns ..." time. ...Goorney, one of the founding fathers of Manchester's ...Workshop in the 1930s, talks to some of the other ...who helped turn this provincial experiment into a national ...nt. The Workshop was the cradle of such lusty infants ...te of Honey and Oh! What a Lovely War.

...'s recital (Radio 3, 3.00) in the wake of last week's ...ternational Piano Competition is by the American Lydia ...("zest and brilliance", said Joan Chissell of The Times, ...and extraordinary", said Bryce Morrison of the ...h) who came in third.

...HE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO; * BLACK AND WHITE; ...EAT.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.30): 6.40, Who plans Ealing?; 7.05, Maths—numerical eigenvalues.

9.38, For Schools, Colleges: 9.38, Twentieth-century history; 10.00, Landscape.

10.45, You and Me: For the very young; Nigel Lambert tells the Time for Bed story.

11.00, For Schools, Colleges: 11.00, Exploring science; 11.23, Words and pictures; 11.40, Biology; 12.05, Digame!

12.45, News and weather.

1.00 pm, Pebble Mill: with an item on a new kind of scanner that can check babies for possible defects while still in the womb.

1.45, Fingerbobs: Rick Jones with Seeds (r).

2.01, For Schools, colleges: 2.01, Watch (snails); 2.18, Scan; 2.40, Physical science.

3.55, Play School: Irene Cockcroft's The Lost Ball.

4.20, Boss Cat: alley cats cartoon.

4.45, The Beautiful Green Bird: wicked aunts steal twins.

5.00, John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel.

5.10, Touch and Go: five-part serialization of Josephine Poole's book about a plot to plant a bomb in a naval college.

5.40, News, with Richard Baker. Weather.

5.55, Nationwide: regular magazine.

6.45, It's a Knockout: Funny (and risky) contests from Verbania, Italy. Bath carries the flag for Britain in the first international heat. The inevitable Stuart Hall and Eddie Waring add to the enjoyment.

8.00, Z Cars: the long-running police series comes to an end. (See Personal Choice.)

9.00, News: with Richard Baker.

9.25, Loose Change: last of the six chapters in the lives of three American girls who lived, and loved, through America's turbulent Sixties. The trio get together and look back over the decade.

10.15, Sportsnight: Will England have better luck in the European Football Championship than they had in the World Cup? Tonight, they clash with Denmark and we see highlights from the match.

11.15, Tonight: with news headlines.

11.55, Weather/regional news.

BBC 1 Variations: SCOTLAND: 11.00 am, Let's See. 2.18, Around Scotland. 6.45, European Sportscene. WALES: 10.00, Hwnt ac Yma. 2.18, Ffenestri. 5.10, Bilidowcar. 6.45, Heddiw. 7.10, Pawb yn ei Fro. 7.35, Tomorrow's World.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55): 6.40, Predicting failure; 7.05, Fast reactor fuel reprocessing; 7.30, Architecture and design.

10.35, Gharbar: for Asian viewers. Includes item on the importance of school trips.

11.00, Play School: same as BBC 1, 3.55.

4.55, Open University (until 7.00): 4.55, A fish in a tank; 5.20, Whales and whaling; 5.45, Seeing with sound; 6.10, Molecular evolution; 7.35, Liszt and nature.

7.00, Headlines, with sub-titles for hard of hearing.

7.05, Erica on Embroidery: Erica Wilson's series ends with a lesson on crewel point. From now on, embroiderers are on their own.

7.15, An ABC of Music: another series ends. Tonight, the featured instruments are the xylophone, marimba, vibraphone and glockenspiel. Tristan Fry demonstrates.

7.35, Expert Opinion: The theme is: Britain in Europe—what should we be doing? Discussing it are Lord Thomson of Monifieth, former EEC Commissioner and Dr William Wallace, Royal Institute of International Affairs.

8.00, Gardeners' World: Apple and pear picking time. Also, how to store root vegetables, train climbing roses and take cuttings of bedding plants, with next year in mind.

8.25, The Money Programme: first of the new series, on a new night, with two new presenters and a new look. (See Personal Choice.)

9.00, M*A*S*H: yet another new series about the most unlikely medical personnel in the Korean war. No changes in the well-known cast. Tonight, Hot Lips, the nursing major, announces her engagement to a high-ranking Somebody.

9.25, Langrishe, Go Down: Play of the Week presentation (it's the work of Harold Pinter, based on Aidan Higgins's novel) about three Irish sisters and the German student who changes their lives. It is set in Ireland, between 1932 and 1938, and has a remarkable cast: Judi Dench, Annette Crosbie, Pinter himself, Margaret Whiting, Jeremy Irons and Susan Williamson.

11.15, News and weather.

11.30, Closedown: Stewart Conn's Under the Ice, read by Hugh Dickson.

THAMES

9.30 am, For Schools: 9.30, My World: stories; 9.42, Making a Living; 10.04, The English Programme; 10.31, French studies; 11.00, Finding Out; 11.20, Starting Out; 11.39, How We Used to Live.

12.00, Cloppa Castle: puppet series about medieval England. Today: A Cuckoo Clock.

12.10 pm, Stepping Stones: Andrew turns himself into a tree.

12.30, Sounds of Britain: Benjamin Luxon, distinguished baritone, sings. He also meets the Highfield Youth Orchestra from Plymouth.

1.00, News.

1.20, Thames News: local round-up.

1.30, Crown Court: the case of the paralysed husband (cont).

2.00, After Noon: The Times's fashion editor, Prudence Glynn, explains why she thinks fashion is going out of style.

2.25, Racing: from Ayr. We see the 2.35, 3.05 and 3.35.

3.50, Tell Me Another: show-business people and other well-knowns talk about when they were younger. Guests include Clement Freud, Marjorie Proops and Roy Castle.

4.20, The Sooty Show: new series. Among the new items is an invention centre. New characters include Colin the Computer.

4.45, Shadows: first of seven plays dealing with magic, mystery and the supernatural. Today: strange happenings in an attic.

5.15, Batman: Vincent Price and Anne Baxter join the dynamic duo in fantastic adventures.

5.45, News.

6.00, Thames at Six: local news features.

6.35, Crossroads: Mr Booth's quarrel.

7.00, LingalongaMax: Mr Bygraves with songs of the year 1928.

7.30, Coronation Street: Unmasked—the tummy trouble culprit.

8.00, Miss Great Britain: there are 20 finalists. From Morecambe in Lancashire.

9.00, Born and Bred: stories about a South London family. The second play holds out the prospect of yet another gruesome reunion.

10.00, News.

10.30, We've Always Done It This Way, Haven't We? Discussion sparked by last night's documentary about Lucas workers' plan to keep their jobs (see Personal Choice).

11.30, Honour Thy Father: drama about a Greek girl who has no interest in her roots.

12.25 am, Derrick Gilbert reads a John Donne poem.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News.
6.10, Farming Today.
6.30, Today.
8.45, A High Wind in Jamaica (13).
9.00, News.
9.05, The Living World.
9.35, The Enthusiasts.
10.00, News.
10.05, In Britain now.
10.30, Service.
10.45, Morning Story.
11.00, News.
11.05, The Image Makers.
11.50, Letters from Everywhere.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, Share and Share Alike.
1.00, World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen with Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play: Foolish Painted Things, by John Wagstaff.†
3.50, Choral Evensong.
4.35, Story: Jane and Prudence (3).
5.00, PM Reports.
5.40, Serendipity.
6.00, The Six O'clock News.
6.30, My Music Quiz.†
7.00, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, File on 4: Background to current events.
8.00, Theatre Workshop.
9.00, Science Now.
9.30, Kaleidoscope.
10.00, The World Tonight.
10.30, Round Britain Quiz.
11.00, Story: The Turn of the Screw (3).
11.15, Financial World Tonight.
11.30, News: Weather.
VHF: As mf except for regional news and weather at 6.50 am, 7.50, 12.55 pm and 5.55. Schools at 9.05 am and 2.00 pm.

Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather (mf).
7.00, News.
7.05, Midweek Choice: Monn, Weinberger, Gottschalk.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Midweek Choice: Bochsa, Poulenc (mono), Charpentier.†
9.00, News.
9.05, This Week's Composers: Albeniz and Granados (mono).
10.00, Manchester International Organ Festival 1978.†
10.45, Schubert.†
11.45, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra Concert: Sibelius, Poulenc, Mozart, Britten.†
1.00 pm, News.
1.05, Concert Hall: Mendelssohn, Schumann, Rachmaninov.†
2.00, The Symphonies of William Alwyn: Berkeley, Alwyn.†
3.00, Leeds International Piano Competition 1978.†
4.00, French Chamber Music by Koechlin, Debussy, Roussel.†
5.05, Building a Record Library.†
5.45, Homeward Bound (mf).
6.05, News (mf).
6.10, Homeward Bound (cont) (mf).
6.30, Lifelines: Language and Communication (mf).
7.30, Edinburgh Festival (recording): Schoenberg.†
8.00, Arts Worldwide.
8.20, Edinburgh Festival: Mahler.†
9.35, Scientifically Speaking.
10.20, Pablo de Sarasate.†
10.50, Piano Recital: Clementi, Schoenberg, Bach.†
11.45, News.
11.50, Schubert Song.†

Radio 3 VHF: 6.00 am and 5.45 pm Open University.

Radio 2

5.00 am, News.
5.02, Tony Brandon.†
7.32, Ray Moore.†
10.02, Jimmy Young.†
12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk.
12.30, Pete Murray's Open House.†
2.30, David Hamilton, including 2.45, Sports Desk.
4.30, Waggoners' Walk.
4.45, Sports Desk.
4.47, John Dunn; 5.45, Sports Desk.
6.45, Sports Desk, racing.
7.02, European Soccer: Denmark v England.
9.02, Fred Astaire Story (10).
9.55, Sports Desk.
10.02, Offbeat with Braden.
10.30, Hubert Gregg.
11.02, Brian Matthew, Round Midnight.
2.00 am, News.

Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2. 7.02, Dave Lee Travis. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Paul Burnett including 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 2.00, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen including 5.30, Newsbeat. 7.00, Girl Talk. 7.30, Band† 9.02, As Radio 2. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am, With Radio 2. 7.02 Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Band.† 8.15, Semprini Serenade.† 9.02, As Radio 2. 10.00, As Radio 1. 12.00, As Radio 2.

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Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Elaine, Singer of the Song. 12.00, Close.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, News; Lookaround. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.20, Thames. 4.45, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. 11.30, George Hamilton IV. 12.00, Epilogue. 12.05 am, Close.

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, You're Only Young Twice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Ghost Story: Touch of Madness (Sebastian Cabot). 12.30 am, Close.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.00, News. 1.20, Westward News. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.28, Late News. 10.30, Thames. 12.25 am, Faith for Life. 12.30, Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. Border weather. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Power without Glory. 12.25 am, Border News. 12.28, Close.

Channel

9.30 am, Schools. 1.18 pm, Channel Lunchtime News; What's On. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Channel News. 6.10, Ladies First. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.28, Channel News. 10.32, Thames. 11.30, Streets of San Francisco. 12.25 am, News in French. Close.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 11.20, Let's Look at Ulster. 12.00, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 4.18, Ulster News. 4.20, Thames. 5.45, News. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, Bob Newhart Show. 7.00, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Look and See. 11.45, Bedtime. 11.55, Close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Thames. 5.45, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, The Cuckoo Waltz. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Streets of San Francisco. 12.25 am, News in French. Close.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, Report West. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Help Yourself. 2.25, Thames. 5.45, News. 6.00, Report West. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 10.00, News; Report West. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, The New Avengers. 12.30 am, Weather and Close.
HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 10.41 am, About Wales. 1.20 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 1.25, Report Wales Headlines. 4.20, Mr Mawr. 4.30, Un Tro. 6.00, Y Dydd. 6.15, Report Wales. 10.00, News followed by Report Wales. 10.30-11.30, Thames. HTV GENERAL SERVICE: As HTV West except: 10.41 am, About Wales. 1.25 pm, Report Wales. 6.15, Report Wales.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.25, Scottish News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Batfink—Stupid Man. 5.20, Thames. 5.45, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Sounds of Britain: Ayrshire. 7.00, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35, Police Surgeon. 12.05 am, Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, Grampian News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.30, Police Newsroom. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Barnaby Jones. 12.25 am, Reflections. 12.30, Grampian News. 12.35, Close.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News, weather. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Chopper Squad. 12.30 am, The Big Question. Close.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 1.00 pm, News. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.50, Stars on Ice. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Thames. 5.45, News. 6.00, Day by Day, local news. 6.35, Scene Midweek (South East only). 7.00, Thames. 10.00, News. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, Southern News. 11.40, Shannon's Mob. 12.35 am, Weather. Britain Today and Tomorrow. Close.

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BELLWOOD.—On 16th September in the Isle of Man to Gill (nee Hodge) and Richard—a son (Toby Robert Lee).

BLAUSTEN.—On 23rd June, 1978, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Janet (nee Pryer) and Richard a daughter Zoe, now at home.

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DUMSDALE.—At Carlton Lodge, Harrogate, to Rachael, wife of Jonathan Dumsdale, a son.

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EVE.—On Sept. 18th, 1978, at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, to Sandra (nee Wilson) and Giles—a daughter.

BIRTHS

FISHBURN.—On September 15th, 1978, to Elizabeth (nee Dix) and Dale—a daughter (Jemima Rose Mary).

FLETCHER.—On 17th September in Alexandria and Charles—a daughter (Henrietta).

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MAY.—On September 17th, at St. Mary's, Praed Street, W.2, to Raenilla and Richard—a son (Nicholas William) a brother for Olivia and Catherine.

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PEEL.—On September 16th, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Veronica and Willie—a daughter.

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SAYER : COOKE.—On September 9th, at Snarham Church, by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Lynn: Charles, younger son of Major and Mrs. D. J. W. Sayer, of Snarham Hall, to Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Cooke, of 83 Newmarket Road, Norwich.

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DEATHS

ALLUM.—On 18 September, 1978, peacefully in his sleep, Arthur Ernest, of Chestnuts, Mark Way, Godalming. Service at the Guildford Crematorium on Friday, 22nd September, at 2.30 p.m.

ARROWSMITH.—On September 18th, 1978, peacefully, Vera widow of the Reverend G. E. Arrowsmith. Mother of Pat and Keith and the late Peter. Funeral service at Upton Parish Church, Torquay on Friday, September 22nd at 12 noon. No flowers please but donations if desired to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for research, Faraday House, 8-10 Charing Cross Road, London W.C.2.

CHARITY.—On 15th September, suddenly and peacefully, at her home, in Sao Vicente, Brazil, Hilda (nee Chadwick), much loved widow of Frank and mother of Christine and Dick.

CHEW, PAULINE, on 17th Sept., 1978, at Redhill General Hospital at the age of 41. Loving wife of Ernest, loving mother of Kendal, Philip and Tim and encourager of the many friends and relatives who themselves did so much to help her. Funeral service at St. Nicholas Church, Godstone at 2 p.m. on 27th Sept. Flowers to Gaiger and Company, Godstone. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

COLLINS.—On September 17th, 1978, at Good Hope Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, Walter Edmund Collins, aged 85 years. Funeral service at Canwell Church, 2.15 p.m. on Thursday, 21st September, followed by Cremation. Flowers please to A. Hazel & Sons Ltd, 151 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham 23.

CURTIS.—On Sept 17th, aged 84 yrs, Grace (nee Mitchell) of 34 Burdon Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle. Wife of the late Professor W. E. Curtis, and dear mother of Geoffrey and Carol. Service at Newcastle Crematorium, on Friday 22nd at 10 a.m. Flowers may be sent to J. Bardgett & Sons, Newcastle.

GORDON JONES.—On 15th Sept., 1978, in the Catholic Nursing Institute, London, Douglas of Little Ash, Smarden, beloved husband of Phyllis and father of Christer and Lyn and step-father of Carole and Brian. Funeral service will take place in Smarden Church, at 2.15 pm, Friday 22nd Sept, followed by cremation at Charing.

CRONK.—On September 17th, 1978, after a long illness, borne with tremendous courage, Barry, aged 56 years, of Fullers Hill Farm, Seal. Adored husband of Gillie and devoted father of Beverley, Verity and Lindsay. Funeral service at Seal, St Lawrence Church, on Friday, 22nd September, at 2.45 p.m. followed by cremation (private). Flowers or if desired donations to Harrison, Zoological Museum, enquiries to W. Hodges & Co. Sevenoaks 54437.

DE WREDE.—On 17th September, 1978, in hospital, Baroness Anita Cecile Winifred, peacefully after a short illness, aged 83 years. Funeral Wednesday 20th 12.30 at Golders Green Crematorium. Flowers to 132/138 Preston Rd., London W10 6TH.

DEATHS

GRAHAM.—Suddenly as the result of fatal car accident, Norah Ethel (Robin) Graham, wife of Alastair Graham, of Logie Cottage, Logie, Bridge of Allan. Funeral private.

HALL.—On Sunday 17th September at Westminster Hospital, Nancy Doreen Hamilton, beloved wife of the late Sir John Hall O.B.E., M.P. and dear mother of Felicity Ann Codrington and John Andrew. Funeral service at High Wycombe Parish Church on Friday 22nd September at 3.00 p.m. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Sir John Hall Memorial Fund, c/o The Hon Secretary, Buckingham Branch, Royal British Legion, 74 London Rd., Slough.

HENDERSON, JAMES FRANKLIN.—Aged 25 years, dearly beloved son of James and Patricia Henderson, died in a road accident near his home at Algarve Portugal, whilst on leave from Saudi Arabia, on 1st August, 1978.

JORGENSEN.—On September 18th, 1978, peacefully at home, Mary Jorgensen. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St. Nicholas Church, Chislehurst, Kent, at 12 noon on Thursday, 21st September. No flowers, please, but donations to Help the Aged, 32 Dover Street, London, W.1.

MANN.—On Tuesday, 19th Sept., Jock James, as a result of a hunting accident. Funeral private. Memorial service to be announced later.

MARTIN.—On September 17th, peacefully at Western Hospital, Southampton, Dr Kenneth Waddelow Martin, MRCS, LRCP, RNR, QHP. Much loved and much missed husband of Betty and father of Susan and Diana. Funeral service on Friday, September 22nd, at 2.15 p.m., at Hamble Church. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the British and Foreign Bible Society.

NEWCOMB.—On 18th September, peacefully in her sleep at Seaford, Vivienne, much loved half-sister of Warwick and Yvonne. Service at Bishopstone Church on Monday, 25th September, 2 p.m., followed by burial at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton.

PECK.—On 18th September 1978, peacefully at home aged 90, Alice Lister, widow of Hubert Blackburn Peck, and loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at 12.30 p.m. Friday 22nd September, St Katharine's Church, Regents Park (outer circle, east side) London, N.W.1. Enquiries to Peake & Co., 01-242 8225.

POOLE.—On Sept 18th, peacefully, in her sleep at the Dutch Cottage, Marie Elsie, wife of the late Arthur Poole, loved mother of Anthony and proud grandmother of Timothy, Victoria and James. Cremation, Golders Green, East Chapel, 4.15 Friday, 22nd. Cut flowers only please, to J. H. Kenyon, 6 Woodhouse Rd., N.12.

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SCOTT.—On September 9 1978 at home, Dr Robert Delmage Scott of Queen's Park, Bournemouth, husband of the late Edith Lilian Scott and dearly loved father of Michael and Diana. Funeral service next Monday September 25 11.30 a.m. at Bournemouth Crematorium. Family flowers only please but if desired donations in his memory for Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent to Derie-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 735 Christchurch Rd., Bournemouth.

STACK, V. E. (Lally), formerly headmistress of Oxford High School; of Applegarth, Seaford, died peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, on September 17th, 1978. Funeral service on Friday, September 22nd, at 2 p.m., at St. Leonard's Church, Seaford, followed by cremation at Woodvale, Brighton, at 3 p.m. Flowers from family and close friends only.

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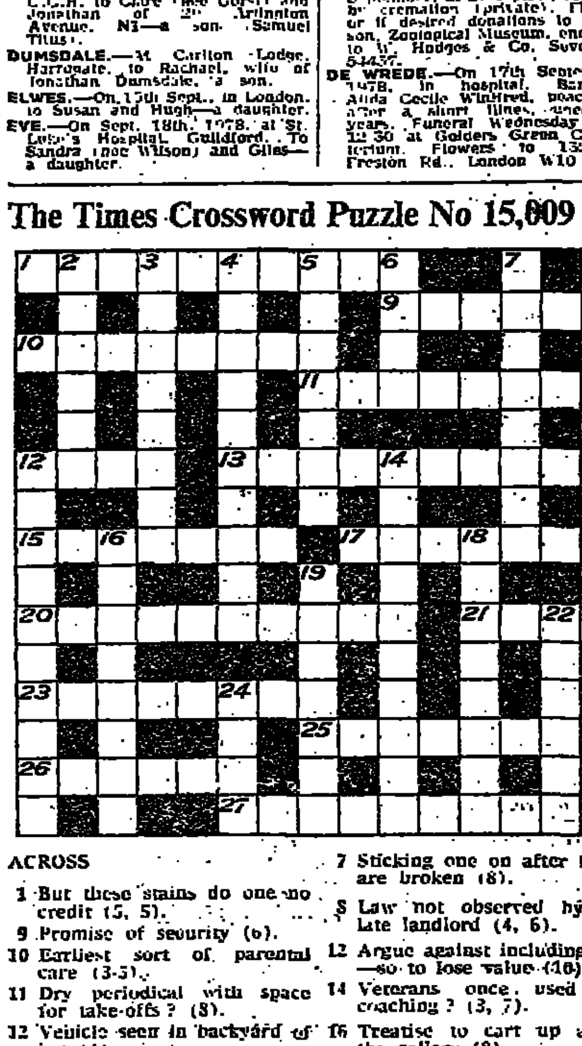
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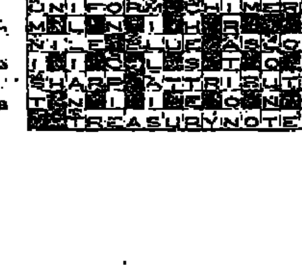
ACROSS

1 But these stains do one no credit (5, 5).
9 Promise of security (6).
10 Earliest sort of parental care (3-5).
11 Dry periodical with space for take-offs? (8).
12 Vehicle seen in backyard of inn (4).
13 Government department appointments bureau? (4, 6).
15 Birds returning sleep round the roof-tops (7).
17 Unnecessary attribute of assistant (7).
20 Passing sentence, Virginia briefly faltered (10).
21 Just the fence for a cowboy? (4).
23 Familiar state (8).
25 Dubious characters (8).
26 Make face also a physical adornment (6).
27 Force newspapers to use inset of Rhode Island (10).

DOWN

2 Measurably superior beer, with right content (6).
3 Plant's transmitter, endlessly in use (8).
4 As such is Rome spoilt, ruined? (10).
5 Right to pass by Vanbrugh's comedy (7).
6 One of a pair the old squire aimed to win (4).
7 Sticking one on after heads are broken (8).
8 Law not observed by the late landlord (4, 6).
12 Argue against including one—so to lose value (10).
14 Veterans once used for coaching? (3, 7).
16 Treatise to cart up above the gallery (8).
18 Could be true about feature of St Paul's rain-gauge (8).
19 Stop following Mary! (7).
22 Makes effective set—can be modified (6).
24 A spinner at work abbreviated (4).

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